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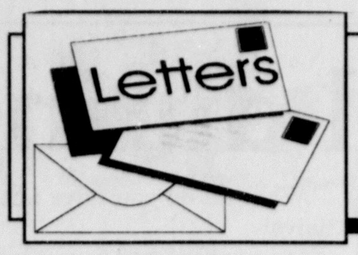

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In the event of a flood threat, leave city

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The answer to a flood is to first find out about it, then get out of town, said Bill Summers, Hazardous Materials Manager for the West Sacramento Fire Department. Summers is charged with overseeing evacuation plans for the city.

In light of all the publicity about the New Orleans flood tragedy and recent levee trouble in the California Delta, you may not be surprised that Summers thinks a flood might be the biggest disaster threat faced in this town.

"I think the primary threat to the city is a flood or levee break, simply because the city is surrounded by the river, essentially," he told the News-Ledger. "In most places, the city is below or at the river's level."

Unlike the Sacramento area, he added, there isn't a lot of difference in elevation within different parts of West Sacramento. So while a small levee problem might only impact a local area, floodwaters would mean there is really no good place to be within the city.

The city has in place a monitoring system and response system to watch flood waters as they rise. As waters rise, people should pay attention to local news and radio stations.

"My belief is if you're going to evacuate, you should do it early, not later. At a certain stage, you think about evacuating people who need extra time, like the elderly or people with medical conditions. At a later stage, you evacuate everybody else."

Where does a West Sacramentan go to escape a rising flood that threatens to top the levees?

"People ask what the evacuation routes are," said Summers. "My advice is to get on Highway 50 or 80 and go east or west."

But if the flooding threat to West Sacramento is more than a local problem – if it is a flood problem that also threatens Sacramento – it would probably be best to head west, he added.

"Yolo County would probably open up the fairgrounds for people to come to," Summers said. "That part of Woodland is higher – Woodland has its own flooding issues, but the threat there is generally from Cache Creek and that is to the north of the city."

Summers added that local news programs might be the best source of information regarding a threat. But he was asked what happens if people are asleep or otherwise out of contact with the media as a threat develops.

"If it's a surprise problem, we'll put out a message on (cable) channel 20 and we'll contact the state to put out an emergency broadcast. More than likely, we'd have firefighters and police going door to door."

And the city is working on a new program that would result in phone calls going to area residents, in cooperation with the phone company.

"It's called "Reverse 911,"" said Summers. "We'd initiate calls to residents."

That program is not yet operational, he said, but "it's supposed to become operational right about this time. You mark the area you want called and the system then makes those calls."

Is there any kind of a siren system to warn residents of a natural disaster, or an environmental disaster?

"There is no siren system in the City of West Sacramento," Summers said. "There were air raid sirens way back, but they are gone. One problem is you have to test them every few weeks, and people lose sensitivity to them. It's also expensive – it would cost about $3-4 million."

Ken Ruzich, manager of Reclamation District 900 (the city's largest levee and flood protection district) made a presentation to the city council in October about the local flood threat. His district is one of those that has worked with the Army Corps of Engineers and others to improve the local levee system.

"Prior to 1986," he told the council, "our levees were rated by FEMA as providing better than 100 year flood protection."

That standard "translates" as meaning that the chance of being overcome by water is about one in one-hundred in a given year.

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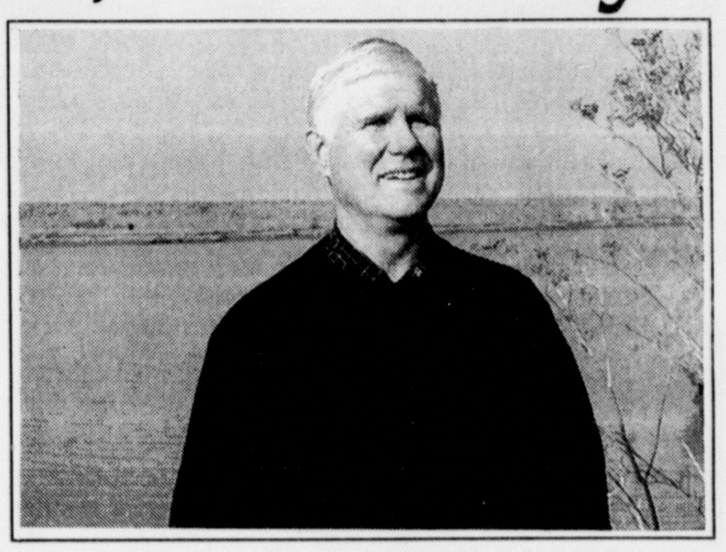

KEN RUZICH, local flood control manager, at the deep water channel in West Sacramento

Photo by Troy Turner

Former athletic director Scott Seffens:

Case dismissed: arbitrator says WUSD lacked evidence

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

An attempt by Washington Unified School District to discipline Scott Seffens, former athletic director at River City High School, fell apart last Friday when an arbitrator dismissed the district's case.

District officials accused Seffans of following improper procedures, and held then-principal Mort Geivett partly to blame, when an audit by the district couldn't track some of the athletic fund's expenses.

"(The audit) said there was a mismanagement of money," said Seffens. "They had the amount at about $11,000. But what it was was things like baseball hats – I still have 30 of them. Also, T-shirts – when we bought the T-shirts, we did it as a public relations thing. They did the fundraiser and gave the T-shirts to the kids on the team. They did charges against me that I didn't fill out proper paperwork such as fundraiser forms and revenue potential forms. These were forms we didn't even know existed – no one else ever filled them out, either."

The discipline charges against Seffens happened during a small tempest within the school and the district administration. Part of the tempest was generated by a student who cited information a school official and circulated a letter claiming embezzlement by Seffens, the athletic director.

Seffens said he was "written up" without ever being asked for his side of the story.

"Nobody asked me my opinion or what the problem was or anything until two weeks after I got the charges," he told the News-Ledger. "They went through all this and wasted all this money and time."

Seffens, a third-year teacher of math at River City, declined to serve as A.D. at the school this year, saying the district never provided him with training on what they wanted him to do differently. He retained a lawyer to fight the charges. Friday, the charges were tossed out after the district presented its case to the arbitrator – and before Seffens had to present a defense. But the controversy hurt his family.

"They pretty much had nothing, and put my wife (another WUSD teacher) and me through hell," he said. "The whole time I knew I was innocent. I'm definitely happy it ended this way, but a couple of people will still think I got off lucky, that I did something wrong. I don't think I can be at River City any more – it's just too stressful. My wife and I are going to try to move out of here. At one point, I had two or three students come over and say, 'hey, coach, what happened – did you steal some money?'"

Seffens said that while he was the A.D. and the "faculty advisor" for the school athletics department, other school officials were withdrawing money from the student athletic account – a practice which he felt was illegal. But the district didn't seem to care.

"The activities director and the bookkeeper got approval for over $10,000 worth of stuff to come out of the athletic fund without my approval," said Seffens. "They spent on stuff including a shooting machine for the basketball team for five grand, when each sport only gets $2,000 a year. They bought a mascot uniform, but the mascot hasn't been to any basketball games and only went to about two football games. Then there was that thousand dollars that went to a wrestler without my signature, for an event that wasn't sanctioned by CIF."

"I've told people about that, and nobody wants to do anything about it," Seffens added. "I told Vicky Dali (assistant superintendent at WUSD) and she said it's not illegal, it's just not proper practice."

The News-Ledger pulled up a copy of the California Education Code from the internet, and it did appear to state that withdrawing money from a student body fund needed the approval of three people, including the group's faculty advisor.

Phone calls to Assistant Superintendent Dali weren't immediately returned.

New board president for WUSD

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's school board on Thursday elected Kevin Jones and Barry Kalar as its new president and vice president, respectively. Both men are West Sacramento residents, as is required to serve on the board. Jones teaches school in another district and Kalar is a retired police chief.

The board also listened unresponsively to angry testimony by resident Dani Langford that the board had violated the state's open meeting laws when it talked about hiring a management consultant to study River City High School. Then the board split its vote 3-2 in favor of paying that consultant.

Board member Dave Westin questioned that payment item along with several other payment requests brought to the board for approval.

"Did the board approve the contract and if not, does the board have to approve the payment?," asked Westin. The $5,500 payment to consultant Roger Rice was included in a $19,000 invoice from attorney Jackson Parham to the district for a month's services.

Parham evidently subcontracted the job to Rice.

"I think it was decided that it would just be easier to have Mr. Parham handle the payment," responded superintendent Patrick Campbell. "Mr. Parham paid for the contract and (Rice's) airfare. They've gone a step and paid the contract without having the board approve it."

Campbell added that in this situation, Parham is "at risk" of not being repaid by the school board.

"It appears that this attorney has paid this line item,

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New power in city war on blight

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento may create the office of "city prosecutor" to help go after "municipal and building code violations, environmental hazards and visual blight on West Capitol Avenue and elsewhere in the community."

City staff tonight will ask the city council to create the office and appoint the privately-held city attorney's office as prosecutor. The prosecutor's office would "pursue a broader spectrum of civil litigation against owners and operators of nuisance properties thoughout the city," said a staff report, and would also "subject to the approval of the Yolo County district attorney" be able to criminally prosecute some violations of the city codes.

'REVIEW' inside

This week's edition of the News-Ledger contains an issue of the River City High School "Review" newspaper.

The school newspaper is published about once a month during the school year by the journalism class at RCHS under the direction of teacher Rose Penrose. The newspaper is written and assembled solely by the class, and is published and distributed to the campus as a community service of the News-Ledger.

The "Review" appears as a four-page pull-out section inside.

TOYS 'R NEEDED

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The Christmas Basket Project has some good news and some bad news, says its director, Helena Helmold.

The good news is that the charity's plan to provide a holiday meal to hundreds of needy local families is right on track.

"It looks like are food costs are covered – it's beautiful!" said Helmold. "The food costs run about $14,000. Milk prices have gone up this year, and milk is one of the things we provide in the basket. It look's like we've got about 800 families signed up to receive food baskets so far."

But the bad news is that there is a shortage of toys to go along with the holiday drive's toy distribution program.

"Boy, have we got kids – we probably have a thousand kids in the program and we've only got toys for around 200. We could really use some toys," said Helmold.

She is asking residents and businesses to consider donating new, unwrapped gifts for kids 12 years old or under to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project. The toys can be dropped off at the local chamber of commerce (near PG&E, northwest corner of Merkley and Jefferson), or donors may call the Project at 372-3360.

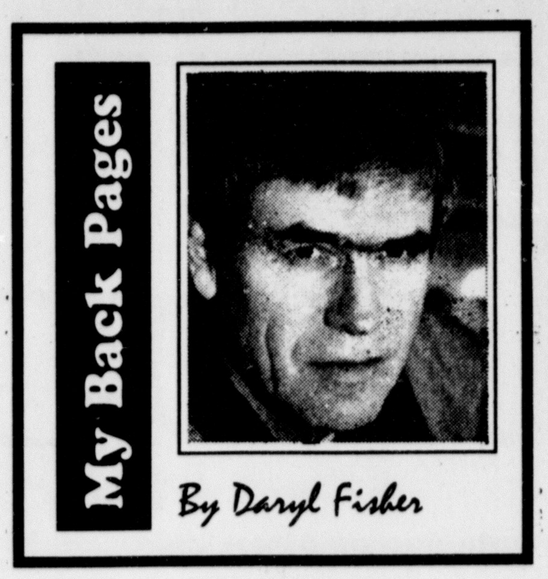
Cash donations can also help bring toys to young people for the holidays.

Helmold said that an institutional sponsor that has in the past "adopted" the toy drive has dropped its sponsorship, creating a problem for the holiday toy program.

The Christmas Basket Project is perhaps West Sacramento's widest-based charity, with many local churches, businesses, schools and individuals involved in its efforts to bring holiday cheer to those hungry or in need.

Men aren't too useful during the holidays

Editor's note: Daryl is on vacation from column writing this week. Below is one of his favorite holiday season columns from the past.



A few weeks ago, I asked a friend of mine for her address so my wife could send her and her family a Christmas card.

"That's okay," she said, "we don't do Christmas cards."

"Really?" I asked, surprised. "Why not?"

"Well," she explained, "to begin with, Christmas cards and the stamps to mail them cost a small fortune nowadays, and I'm cheap. Plus I've already got a million and one things to do at this time of year and the last thing I need is to have to sit down and sign and address dozens of impersonal cards which will just end up in the garbage anyway."

"I don't believe you don't like getting Christmas cards," I said, shocked. "That's one of my very favorite parts of the holidays. And I'll have you know I don't throw them in the garbage, either. I tape them up on the back of my front door, at a very attractive forty-five degree angle."

She smiled and asked, "But who actually has to go out and buy all the Christmas cards you send to your friends and family?"

"Well," I said, "my wife usually does that."

She nodded her head with a 'I thought so' expression on her face and said, "And who buys the stamps, signs everyone's names on the cards, addresses the envelopes and mails the darn things?"

"Well, I guess that would be my wife, too."

"See," she said, "and I bet you're not even the one who hangs them up on the door, are you?" When I refused to answer, she added, "You know, you men are all the same. You just don't realize how much time and effort goes into having a nice Christmas. And I bet if you asked your wife if it would be okay with her to stop mailing out cards every year, she'd probably jump at the opportunity."

Well, thank you very much, Ebeneezer Scrooge, I thought to myself.

Later that evening, as I sat comfortably in my rocking chair admiring all the beautiful Christmas cards hanging on the back of my front door, I noticed that my wife was frantically scribbling away on a piece of paper at the dining room table.

"What are you doing?" I asked her.

"Just trying to come up with a menu for Christmas Eve dinner," she said.

"Is this our year to have everyone come over here for dinner?" I asked.

"Of course it is! Why do you think I've been running around like a chicken with its head cut off for the past two weeks?"

"What all do you have left to do?" I asked naively.

"Are you kidding? Everything."

"Like what?"

"Well, to begin with, the house is a complete mess and the whole thing needs to be cleaned from top to bottom. Plus I've got to wrap and mail all the packages that are going to my family up in Oregon, get all the boys a haircut, and borrow a folding table and some extra chairs from somebody. Then I have to go Christmas shopping for the kids and your parents. By the way, do you have any idea what I can get your mother this year?"

"Not really."

"How about your dad?"

"Sorry, I don't have a clue."

"Anyway," she continued, "if I somehow live through doing most of my Christmas shopping this late in the year, then I have to wrap everything up, decorate the house, and get ready for Christmas Eve."

"What all do you have to do on Christmas Eve?"

"Well, I have to plan dinner, purchase all the food and drinks, prepare the meal, serve the food, clean up the mess, and somehow find the energy to stay up after midnight to be Santa Claus."

"Hey, maybe I could do that this year," I volunteered, starting to feel a little guilty.

"I don't think so," she said with obvious alarm, knowing full well that I would probably screw the whole thing up. "You won't know where I've hidden all the presents, and which ones go in the kids' stockings and which ones go under the tree."

"But it can't be all that complicated," I said.

"That's okay," she said, "you've already done your part for Christmas this year."

"And what was that?" I asked with interest.

Stumped for a quick answer, she took what seemed like a good thirty seconds before finally saying, "You brought home that pitiful looking Christmas tree with the huge gap in the branches, remember?"

'ACROSS THE BRIDGE':

Events around the West Sac region

CCC hiring sessions

The California Conservation Corps is currently holding weekly Sacramento information sessions for young people interested in joining the outdoor program. The sessions are each Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the CCC's Sacramento headquarters, 1719 24th Street. Parents are also welcome to attend.

The Corps hires young people between the ages of 18 and 25 for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. Corps members build parks and trails, plant trees, improve wildlife habitat and respond to floods and fires. Interested applicants should bring a photo ID and Social Security card or birth certificate. For more information, call 341-3266.

Wildlife tours

The Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge will be giving free docent guided walks be-

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New at the library—

By Elise McCallan
Arthur F. Turner Branch Library
1212 Merkley Ave.
West Sacramento

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"Hip Hop Matters: Politics, Pop Culture, and the Struggle for the Soul of a Movement" by S. Craig Williams.

"The Devil's Broker: Seeking Gold, God, and Glory in Fourteenth-Century Italy" by Frances Stonor Saunders.

"Icebox Desserts: 100 Cool Recipes for Icebox Cakes, Pies, Parfaits, Mousses, Puddings and More" by Lauren Chattman.

"It's Not Your Parents' Retirement: A Revolutionary Guide to Investment for a Revolutionary Generation" by Patrick P. Astre.

"Marine Air: The History of the Flying Leathernecks in Words and Photos" by Robert F. Dorr.

Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

OBITUARIES

Ottamie Younger Lamontagne

Ottamie Younger Lamontagne was born on February 2, 1922 in Stone County, Arkansas, and passed away on November 28, 2005 at the age of 83. She was the daughter of John Cosby and Mary Davis Younger and was also preceded in death by her husband, Ray Lamontagne. She is survived by her sisters, Josephine Hopper of Arkansas and Patsy Younger of Dixon, California; her brother, Bobbie Younger of Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ottamie was a manager for Sees Candy for many years and a member of Eastern Star. She was a resident of West Sacramento for 65 years and had a love for life and lived it to the fullest. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

At her request, no services are planned. Arrangements were handed by River Cities Funeral Chapel of West Sacramento.

Joseph Matthew Souza Jr.

Joe Souza was born on October 29, 1947 in Merced, California and passed away on November 10, 2005 in West Sacramento. He was a RV technician by trade and a 30-year resident of Yolo County. No next of kin were located. He was buried in Woodland Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by North Sacramento Funeral Home.

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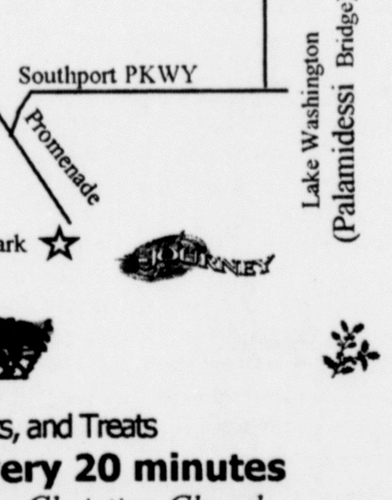

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Ask any seasoned Realtor and they will all say the same thing: "A well priced home will always sell faster than an overpriced home!"

However during the last few years or so that phrase seemed to be somewhat skewed and homes appeared like they were selling for more and faster. In some cases this was true, but what about now? It appears that interest rates are creeping up, adjustable rates are moving, and prices seem to be coming down. I am asked this all the time, "should I just wait until prices go back up", or the best one is "I can't afford to sell because I bought the home with 100% financing, interest only loans". Only you can determine if selling is right for you, but there is really no "RIGHT" time to sell. We all have war stories about something we should have made money on but didn't because of the market, or conversely we have stories that give us bragging rights when we seemed to hit the market just right and made money.

Homes are purchased for many reasons; to raise a family, for a bank, for an investment, for retirement and the list goes on. If you need to sell you home for what ever reason it is important to know your market, what homes will be used for pricing your property, making sure you become educated in the market you are trying to sell in. Understanding the differences between your home and others and determining what separates your home from the other. What motivations are there to sell? Where will you go next? There is a list of questions that your Realtor will be asking you to get an understanding as to how to appropriately market your home at the suggested asking price. Overpriced listings will sell other listings faster!

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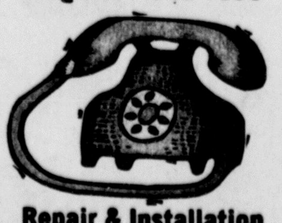

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SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa

The 2006 World Cup in Germany is ready to rock and roll but the dance for the red, white and blue might be a little to fast. The U.S. ended up in the group of death with Italy, Ghana and the Czech Republic. The U.S. could beat Italy or even the Czech's but a second place finish in this group of death is a guaranteed match with tournament favorite Brazil in the second round.

The USA will open the World Cup tournament against the Czech Republic followed by Italy on June 17th. Mexico escaped the group of death by landing in an easier group with Angola, Iran and Portugal while tournament favorite Brazil landed in a group with Australia and - it doesn't really matter who else!

Trade rumors for Indiana Pacers Ron Artest will be in the local papers for about a week after the NBA's version of Terrell Owens demanded a trade. Artest is not a happy camper in Indy and has demanded a trade that will be granted. Do you think the Kings would ship Peja to Indy for Artest? Hey, maybe Artest will go play football for the Eagles and Terrell Owens will start at forward for the Pacers.

Kings Korner

The Sacramento Kings (9-12) are on a two game roll after pounding the Sonics in Seattle on Saturday night and then they returned to the Arco Arena to beat the Hornets by 10 on Sunday night. No, this is not a typo - the Kings are back or are they?

As Peja goes, so do the Kings. Peja's shooting is starting to find the bottom of the net but the real star of the show is Bonzi Wells. Wells is starting to rub off on his teammates with his non-stop hustle and constant attack of the backboards. Bonzi, who scored a season high 31 points against Seattle, has inspired Miller and Bibby to attack the basket, relax and enjoy themselves on the court.

Next up for the surging Kings are the Timberwolves in Minnesota (12-6) on Tuesday night (5 p.m.) followed by a long road trip that starts in Detroit (4:30 p.m.-CSN) on Wednesday and then moves on to San Antonio on Saturday (5:00 p.m.). Ouch!

The Kings have played 14 of their last 21 games at home only to break even at 7-7 and you can throw in a four game losing streak in that mess. The seven home losses surpassed the Kings season totals from the 2001-02 and 2002-2003 seasons. Up next for the Boys from Sacramento is long road show that will take the "Gold Members" on the road for 14 of their next 23 contests.

Week 15 in the NFL

The 49ers (2-11) got beat up pretty bad in Seattle but who said the road to the number one pick was going to be easy. The Seahawks (11-2) 41-3 victory puts them in the NFC drivers seat for the home field advantage throughout the playoffs while the 49ers still have to worry about the Texans (1-12) on the road to Bush. Those darn Texans have lost their last three games in the final seconds of the contest.

Niner's rookie quarterback Alex Smith and Raiders QB Marques Tuiasosopo had a contest to see who could turnover the football the most on Sunday. Tui, who was sacked six times, had two fumbles and two interceptions in the Raiders 26-10 loss to the Jets. Smith on the other hand fumbled 3 times and but only threw one interception while throwing for 77 yards against a defense that only sacked him 4 times. It was a draw so the two young quarterbacks will have a rematch on Sunday.

The Reggie Bush contest (No. 1 pick) was narrowed down a little bit last Sunday with the Packers and Jets winning their third games of the season. The Texans are in first followed closely by the 49ers, Saints, and Jets.

The Raiders will be home this Sunday (1 p.m.-Blackout) against the Browns (4-9) while the 49ers (10 a.m.-FOX) travel east to tackle the playoff bound Jacksonville Jaguars.

Aztecs Picks

The Dawg prances into week 15 with his winning record (37-22-1) but from this point on the NFL picks are getting more difficult with only three weeks remaining in the regular season. Aztec won last week (3-2) with the Steelers, Colts and Pats but he seemed a bit nervous this week.

Aztec will stay "Pat" on Saturday morning with the Patriots (-4) freezing out the Bucs in New England and then on Sunday afternoon he predicts the Raiders (-3) will have a brown out over Cleveland. The Dawg still has a bone to pick with Coach Parcells so take the Cowboys (+3 ½) to eliminate the Redskins from post play. I know the Dawg could be barking up the wrong tree but he likes the Vikings (+3 ½) at home against the Steelers and on Monday night the Packers (+4) will complete his Christmas shopping.

Major League Baseball

The winter baseball meetings are starting to heat up this week with general managers signing free agents to their rosters before spring training starts in February. The Giants added some badly needed pitching with the signing of pitchers Matt Morris and Todd Worrell and Steve Kline.

Soccer News

Professional Indoor soccer returns to Northern California on Sunday, Dec. 18th with the home opener of the California Cougars in Stockton. The Cougars, who are the newest franchise in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), will play their first game in the new $119 million Stockton Arena against the Baltimore Blast (3-2). The Cougars (0-7) will be looking for their first win of the season because they were forced to play their first seven games on the road while construction crews added the final touches to the new arena.

Happy Holidays - see ya next week!

RCHS sports summary:

RAIDER ROUNDUP

By Troy Turner

Varsity Boys Basketball

Last week, the varsity team played a close game in the first half against Mesa Verde. But the Mustangs pulled away and beat the River City High Raiders 70-53. The boys from RCHS then competed in the West Campus tourney, again taking home a trophy by winning the consolation championship. This week, the Raiders face the El Dorado Cougars.

JV Basketball

The junior varsity boys began last week by losing to Mesa Verde. Then they traveled to Lincoln to compete in a tournament, and again came home consolation champions. They face El Dorado this week.

Freshman Basketball

Coach Phil Jackson guided the freshman boys team to their first tournament championship in several years. The boys went into the Lincoln tourney and won all their games, taking the first-place trophy. They face the El Dorado Cougars this week.

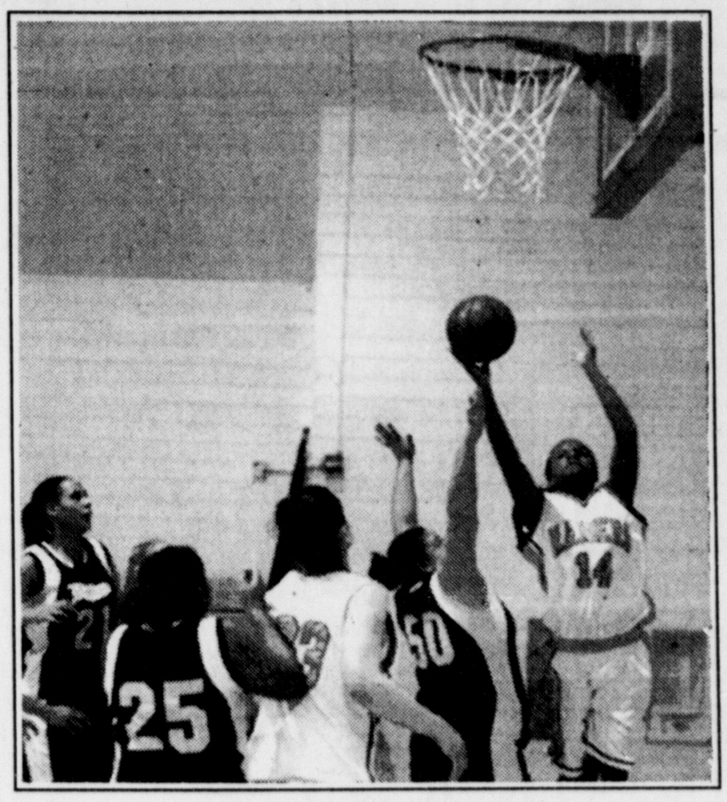
Girls Varsity Basketball

The varsity girls team now has an overall record of 6-1. They are playing great team basketball and making it look easy. Last week, they first played El Dorado High School. The Raiders were behind 23-16 at halftime. During the third quarter, the Raiders used a full-court press and outscored the Cougars 25-9. Leading 41-32 at the start of the fourth, the Raiders held on to win 55-46. The next evening, they played Rosemont, winning easily 61-26. This week, they face Hogan High and will play in the El Dorado Tourney.

Girls JV Basketball

The junior varsity girls team split the two games they played last week. Against El Dorado, the girls were down 25-12 at halftime. They could not overcome the deficit and lost 46-24. The girls played well the following evening and beat the Rosemont Wolverines 34-14 by playing great defense.

The girls led 19-9 at halftime and never looked back. This week, they also play Hogan High and in the El Dorado tourney.



JAYMI APPLEBERRY of the River City High School varsity girls basketball team shoots over Rosemont

Photo by Troy Turner

POWERHOUSE: girls varsity basketball squad at RCHS is now 6-1

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Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

—Mother Teresa

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

1. When was the last time before 2004 that the Minnesota Twins led the American League in ERA?
2. Who holds the record for most pinch-hits in a season?
3. Name the first NFL quarterback to toss five touchdown passes in three different games during the same season.
4. During 2004-05, Arizona's Ike Diogu became the third player to lead the Pac-10 in scoring and rebounding in the same season. Name the first two.
5. How many seasons did Mark Messier tally 60 or more points during his NHL career?
6. Who was the last PBA bowler before Tommy Jones in 2005 to win the first two events on the tour season?
7. In what year did horse racing's Breeders' Cup begin?

Answers, page 4

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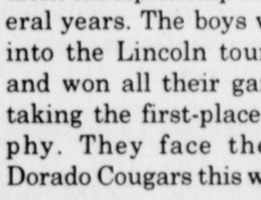

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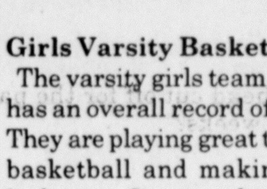

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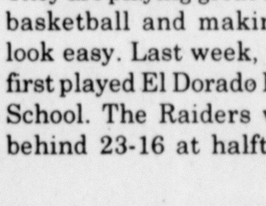

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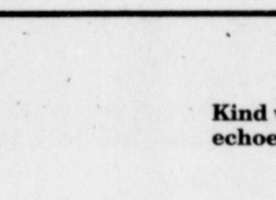

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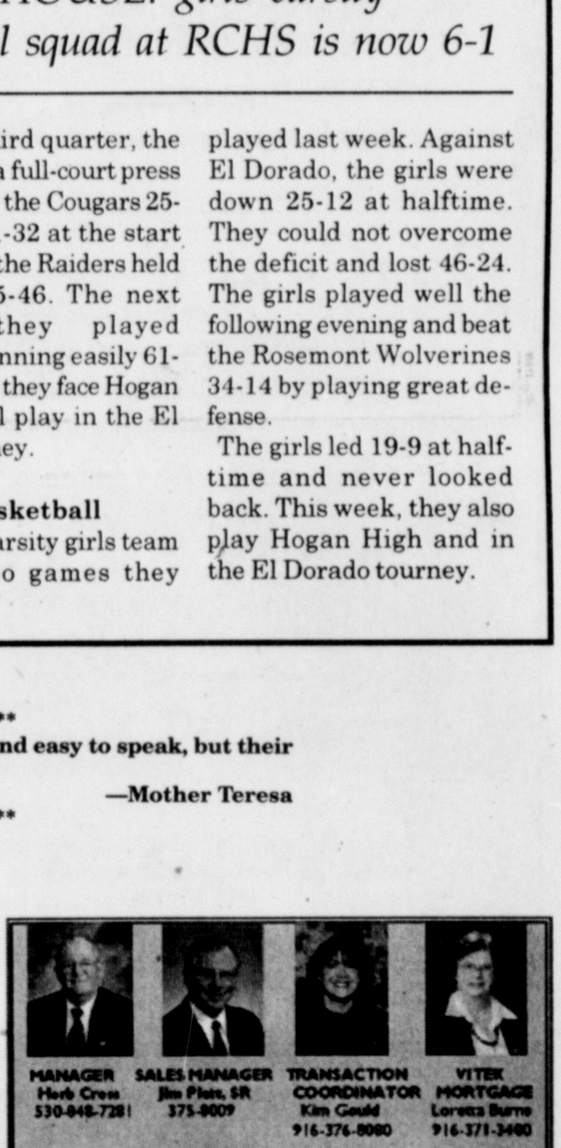

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LETTERS from page seven

women of Afghanistan can hold elective office, the Kurds have freedom and the rape rooms of Saddam have been closed.

KARL MACHSCHEFES
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Thanks

On behalf of the family of Louise Vessell, I would like to thank everyone who sent a sympathy card or expressed their condolences to us or sent an email or contributed a donation to the West Sacramento Historical Society and/or the West Sacramento Community Orchestra in memory of my mother, Louise Vessell. My sister, Lana Paulhamus, her son, Justin Paulhamus, and myself were overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity everyone showed us and our mother who was also known as "Mama" by many people.

The memorial service at Westminster Presbyterian Church was memorable and Mama would have loved it had she been there in person. She definitely was there in spirit. Mama used to walk to Westminster from Bryte to attend services.

Mama was a huge supporter of the West Sacramento Historical Society and the West Sacramento Community Orchestra and very proud of her heritage living in West Sacramento. She grew up in the Bryte district where here parents helped build the Holy Myrrh Bearing Women Orthodox Church in America in 1925-26. She passed away at 94 years of age on November 22, 2005.

It became obvious to us that Mama influenced many people by being herself and setting an excellent example on how to enjoy life while making a difference in community.

We thank everyone who honored our mother.

LOUISA R. VESSELL
Sacramento

We miss you, Esther!

(Open letter to longtime West Sacramentan Esther Stinchfield, who recently moved to Washington state):

Esther left the nest
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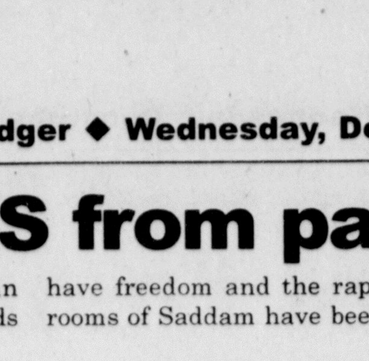

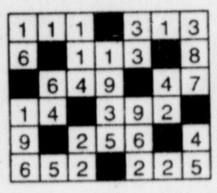

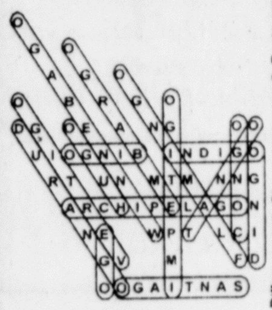

Differences: 1. Sleeve is shorter. 2. Pants are different. 3. Drape is different. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Neckline is lower

Answers

1. In 1945, when they were the Washington Senators.
2. John Vander Wal had 28 pinch-hits for Colorado in 1995.
3. Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper in 2004 versus Dallas, Houston and New Orleans.
4. Oregon State's A.C. Green (1984-85) and California's Mark McNamara (1981-82).
5. He did it 17 times in his 25-season NHL career.
6. David Ozio in 1991.
7. It was 1984.

BRIDGE continued from p. 2

ginning at 7:30 in the morning on January 14, 15, and 28. The January 15 date will be a birding tour to parts of the refuge normally closed. RSVP is required (775-4421).

To reach the refuge trail head, take Interstate 5 to the Elk Grove Boulevard exist, turn west, and park; the refuge trail head is adjacent to the highway.

Down syndrome information

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance Education Series features programs on the first Tuesday of each month with the hope of improving the knowledge of individuals and families affected by Down syndrome. Experts in education, advocacy, health care, etc., make presentations and a free light dinner and childcare is provided. The Down Syndrome Information Alliance meets at the Sutter Cancer Center, 2800 L Street in Sacramento. For more information, call 658-1686 or visit www.downsyndromeinfo.org.

Monthly car sell and swap

On the first Saturday of every month, the Towe Auto Museum holds their monthly car sell and swap. Car-for-sale space is $15. The museum is located at 2200 Front Street (just off Broadway) in Sacramento. For more information, call 442-6802.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in December at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. For more information on other related groups and meetings, call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

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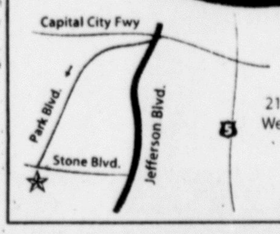

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POLICE LOG

Dec. 7

An officer stopped a 35-year old woman driving along West Capitol Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The woman was found to have 12 misdemeanor warrants. She was arrested.

Dec. 8, 9:42 a.m.

A Cascade Street resident reported his vehicle burglarized during the night. Missing were the man's wallet, with his ID and credit cards, and a paycheck.

Dec. 8, 12:17 p.m.

Suspects cut a fence and drove a truck along railroad tracks to get into the yard of a Drever Street business, where they stole 30 rolls of wire each worth about $500. The burglary occurred sometime in the prior few days.

Dec. 8, 4:46 p.m.

A man called police that his vehicle had been impounded at a Jefferson Blvd. towing company. But while it was in their yard, the stereo and other items were stolen.

Dec. 8, 7:40 p.m.

A mother took her 7-month old child to a Sacramento emergency room, with fractures to the baby's skull. She reported that the injuries happened while the baby was in the custody of its father in the northern part of West Sacramento.

Dec. 9, 8:31 a.m.

A veterans' hall on Lisbon Avenue was reported burglarized. Thieves made off with alcoholic beverages, presents and the phone.

Dec. 9, 9:55 a.m..

A caller reported that a 64-year old man suffering from a medical condition was apparently dead in his mobile home near West Capitol. Police dispatchers requested a "silent approach." They were told that the man had a "do not resuscitate" order on file.

Dec. 9, 1:37 p.m.

A 44-year old woman was detained by supermarket employees for leaving without attempting to pay for $304 in merchandise in her possession. Staff had been watching her, believing she did the same thing four days earlier. She was booked by police.

Dec. 10, 2:45 a.m.

Police received a report that a car was on its side near Reed Avenue and the CHP Academy. The driver was possibly standing outside near the car.

Dec. 10, 8:29 a.m.

A business on E Street reported that someone had cut a fence to their yard and attempted to steal some vehicles that were not in operating condition. When that didn't work, thieves stole items including a vehicle stereo.

Dec. 10, 2:33 a.m.

A single-vehicle accident was reported near Southport Parkway and Ramco Street. One person had an injured wrist.

Dec. 11, 12:56 a.m.

A woman used her cell phone in her car to tell dispatchers that her husband was battering her.

Dec. 11, 9:56 a.m.

A caller reported extensive gang graffiti along a mobile home park fence and elsewhere near Glide Avenue and Harbor Boulevard.

Dec. 11, 12:49 p.m.

A Triangle Court business reported that someone broke into and burglarized at least two company trucks. Thieves forced open locked tool boxes to take $10,000 worth of power tools on the vehicles.

Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m.

On Evergreen Avenue, a resident reported that a burglar broke a car's passenger-side door lock to enter the vehicle and steal its registration.

Dec. 11, 6:48 p.m.

A Citrus Avenue resident reported that a group of youths age 10-14 had just vandalized Christmas decorations at a home. Now, the juveniles were milling around Elm Street.

In local government: city taking on the port; school board interviews for temporary chief

The City of West Sacramento's city council will meet tonight at council chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. A closed session meeting begins at 6 p.m. and public session will follow at 7 p.m.

Agenda items for public session include hiring a consultant for a Water Meter Implementation Plan; completion of the Cedar Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project; a parcel map on Citrus St.; amendment of an environmental study contract involving the proposed University Park project (just south of city borders); treasurer's quarterly report; creation of the office of "City Prosecutor" for local hazards and blight and appointment of city attorney's office to that role; changes to the conduct of city council meetings; study results for a vacant land survey and related issues; changes to inclusionary housing law; and consideration of a binding agreement and related agreements dealing with increasing the city's control and management of the Port of Sacramento.

The **school board of the Washington Unified School District** met yesterday to interview and possibly hire an interim superintendent of the district to replace Patrick Campbell, who resigned.

Tuesday's "special meeting" was announced Monday afternoon. Details of the proposed selection process were not released.

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: Kim Philby, a senior officer in the British Secret Intelligence Service during the Cold War, also was a spy for which nation?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the strait that separates the island of Sicily from the Italian mainland?
3. ENTERTAINERS: Which actress' legs were insured by Lloyds of London for $1 million?
4. MOVIES: When was "Bambi" first released?
5. CHILDREN'S RHYMES: In the rhyme that starts out "Rub-a-Dub-Dub," who were the "Three Men in a Tub"?
6. EXPLORERS: When did Robert Peary first reach the North Pole?
7. MUSIC: Which instrument was jazz great Miles Davis best known for playing?
8. SPACE: What was the name of the mission to land two space probes on Mars in 1976?
9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the word "cul de sac" mean?

Answers

1. Soviet Union
2. Messina
3. Betty Grable
4. 1942
5. A butcher, a baker and a candlestick maker
6. 1909
7. Trumpet
8. Viking
9. C.S. Lewis
10. "Dead end," in French

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—Bette Davis

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Project Area Committee Meeting Dates

The recently-established Project Area Committee (PAC) for the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency will continue to meet in order to review, discuss and make recommendations on the potential amendments to the Redevelopment Plan. The Agency is currently considering amending the plan to increase the tax increment collection cap, increase Agency bonding capacity, re-instate Agency eminent domain authority, and refine the list of capital improvements. Please note the following scheduled dates for meetings of the PAC. All meetings are planned for 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center at 1110 West Capitol Avenue in the Galleria (1st floor). The meeting schedule and overall schedule is proposed and is subject to modification as necessary.

Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 - Continued review of amendment-related items

Monday, Feb. 13, 2006 - PAC recommendation on the proposed amendment

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STATE STREET HOME: 209 13th Street, $297,000. This home has 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath & formal dining area. Central heat and air. No money down loans available! JOHN KANE, 916-373-5300, Parkside Property, 'West Sacramento Specialist.'
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NEED SPACE? Workshop? Parking? 1405 Dobros Dr., $309,800. This home has 2 big bedrooms & 1 bath. Large lvg room. Galley-style kitchen, separate laundry room. Move-in condition! 1-car garage w/large attached workshop. Double-wide driveway that can take an RV, boat & two cars. JOHN KANE, Parkside Property, (916) 373-5300.
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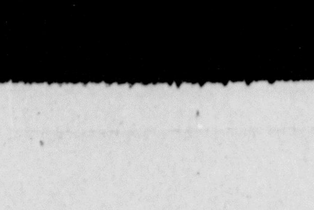

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MISC. FOR SALE

Beautiful solid oak bdrm set. Cost $3200, will sell for $900. Arlene, 372-6227.
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DOWNSIZING: Complete full size bed, triple dresser & mirror, walnut office desk, 2 matching floral sofas, headboard (waterbed), swivel rocker, round black lacquer coffee table, computer desk, 2 tires 185/70R/14, and more. Call 372-4424.
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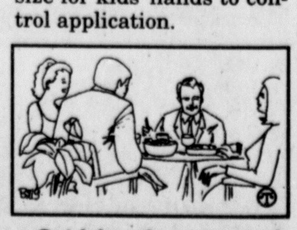
Food Ideas

(NAPS)—New Heinz Silly Squirts Ketchup has a cool cap with three flip-top drawing nozzles, each dispensing ketchup in a different design that lets kids squirt ketchup in fun shapes, squiggles or designs. With an easy-to-squeeze bottle, it's the right size for kids' hands to control application.



Quick breads are an excellent baked good to give because they're simple and delicious. Quick breads don't require kneading or rising because they're yeast-free and most can be assembled in 10 to 15 minutes. Visit bakersjoy.com for gift-giving tips, delicious recipe ideas and free downloadable gift tags.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WUSD wasting our money

At the 12/8 WUSD school board meeting the board passed an agenda item authorizing the submission of an application to receive funds from the state somewhere in the range of $1.5 million from the Bridgeway Island Phase 2 project. This item would have passed without any questions if it were not for board member Westin. The reality is that this application was due in November of 2004. After the former Director of Facilities Planning & Construction departed someone else (his replacement) should have filed the application. The state is now likely to tell the district to go fish. Where is the accountability for an administration/school board that keeps failing on so many different levels?

The new high school is now over $30 million in the hole, both schools in the south area are at capacity, many schools in the district are in need of repair, and parents have been calling for different options for their children (K-8). The educational wants and needs of this community are massive and our school district cannot afford to continue to lose mor due to incompetency.

Over the last seven months this administration/school board has given an administrator a $38,000 raise after only eight months on the job; paid an interim principal somewhere around $32,000 for just two months of employment; the architects at DLR got their fat contracts approved to build the new high school; over $15,000 was paid out for two audits so the administration/school board could try to justify the abysmal upper management tactics used against Mr. Geivett and Mr. Seffen (the latter was recently fully exonerated); has paid district legal counsel anywhere from $15,000 to $19,000 per month (a figure that will surely climb in the near future); paid a whopping $60,000 to the firm that did the master facilities plan; will be paying off the lengthy and expensive contract of the former superintendent, who was forced out of his position by the school board last month after giving him a three year extension only last summer; and will no doubt have a flurry of expensive lawsuits coming its way in the near future due to a complete lack of knowledge on the subject of "due process".

In addition to all of the above, this administration/school board seems to hire an outside consultant every time someone needs to use the restroom. This continuous bleeding of taxpayers needs to stop. The only interests currently being served are those entities that are feeding off of this district, and the only interests that should be moving forward are the children's.

LIZ BAGDAZIAN
West Sacramento

Cotterell should be fired

Last week's school board meeting proved to be another example of what's wrong with our school district. Once again, I pointed out some of the Brown Act violations this board has yet to correct. I showed them different agendas that prove the discussions and direction they have given district administration and legal counsel, in closed session, has violated the law. I also showed them the proof that their hiring of Roger Rice, to conduct an "unbiased" management audit of RCHS, was a violation of the law. Nothing, no response. As this paper has reported over and over again, the correction is simple. Why, then, have they not corrected anything? Is it because they'd have to take responsibility for their actions and admit they were wrong?

Another very disturbing action of this district which was brought out at this same meet- was the payment of Roger Rice, hidden in the "...utine and Consent" items of the agenda packet, in the district's legal counsel bill. Being that the school board has yet to legally hire Mr. Rice, the fact that he was paid $5,447 through Mr. Parham's statement is very concerning. When this item was discussed at the meeting, the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources, Sherianne Cotterell, stated that the district was obligated to reimburse Mr. Parham due to the "letter in kind" received from his office. Furthermore, she stated that a community member and local newspaper had received a copy of that letter and everything was on the up and up. I then pointed out the fact that I was that community member and that the letter had obviously been altered and proved their violation of the law by conflicting dates (page 1, August 30th, and page 2, September 22nd). As the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources confirmed the original date to be August 30th, it proves my point. Mr. Geivett's case number (or any matter regarding RCHS) was not on a closed session agenda before September 8th. Therefore, any discussion and action taken by this school board is null and void, according to the law. It is also board policy that the school board must approve, in open session, any transactions over $5,000. Although the item was passed that night, I must applaud Mr. Westin and Mr. Jones for voting not to approve it.

In closing I would like to mention a bit of Christmas cheer. Mr. Seffens, the former RCHS athletic director who was falsely accused and slandered for months, was fully exonerated by a judge in a hearing this past Friday. As many of us have said all along, this was nothing more than a witch-hunt and personal vendetta that has cost this district thousands of dollars. The case was thrown out! This goes to prove my point in past letters to the editor of this paper that the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources should have never commented to anyone on this matter, but since she did, will she be held accountable for the lies she helped spread about Mr. Seffens embezzling money? She should be fired immediately for this outrageous, erroneous action. There was no money missing! What has been allowed to happen to the reputations of both Mr. Seffens and Mr. Geivett is unacceptable!

DANI LANGFORD
West Sacramento

Thanks

A big Alyce Norman "thank you" to the staff, students, community and the following stores for allowing us our "One for Books" buckets to go into their stores. Club West, Collings West Sacramento Teen Center, West Sacramento Park and Recreation, Circle A store on Sacramento Avenue, Bryte Way Market on Lisbon and Solano, and Wild West Feed. Also a big thank you to the News- Ledger for letting the community know we were having a fundraiser for the kids who were effected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the money raised will go to buy new books for them. Scholastic is matching dollar for dollar. We raised $253.29 and with Scholastic matching dollar for dollar, that will be $506.58!

Way to go and thank you all so much!

BARBARA SCHULZ
Librarian
Alyce Norman Elementary School

Legislators get another pay raise

This month California legislators gave themselves a 12% raise in pay -- I'm assuming this is merited on all the good and diligent work they have been doing (tongue firmly planted in cheek). My mother, who receives a total of $781 per month from Social Security, received a letter last week informing her of the fact that even though she was to receive an increase in the name of "cost of living", she was actually going to be cut back $20 per month due to budget regulations. Her rent is $350 per month (more than the rule of 1/3rd income towards rent), and that leaves little for everything else (PG&E, SMUD, phone, food, etc.). My mother could live very comfortably on what these legislators make per year on "per diem". I ask why those who don't need the money always get the money? Am I the only one who sees a problem with this picture?

My mother is being pushed aside for whatever reason the government sees fit -- they win, the poor lose -- again.

AMANDA RIDGE
West Sacramento

War thoughts

I think the war has gone on too long. I think it's time to leave the field of battle. I feel we need to bring our troops home, stop spending money and either declare victory or accept defeat. I have noticed that many of the people we are trying to save are not even grateful. I have noticed that after all this time things really haven't gotten better. In some cases we have clearly made things worse.

Our war has resulted in destroyed families, we have roving gangs and we have given rise to a feeling of despair. We have created free fire zones and areas that are unsafe to even the residents. It is time to end the war now.

I think after 40 years of war, after trillions of dollars being spent, and with few tangible results it is time to end this war, It is time to declare the war on poverty over. We can either say we won or concede we have lost. The poverty rate has not changed in 40 years. In some ways we have made things worse because the number of out of wedlock births is significantly higher. Neighborhoods that used to be safe are combat zones. Fatherless boys have congregated to gangs. Many of the people we are supposed to help are trapped in a cycle of dependency which breeds despair.

The war on poverty has failed and we should declare it over and stop throwing money at a losing effort. To date we have spent over $5 trillion on poverty programs and the poverty rate has not changed. However, we have created a poverty bureaucracy which has grown rich and actually advertises for more "clients". If we had given every poor family the money directly instead of filtering it through numerous hands the poverty rate would have vanished. It is time to say enough is enough and end the war on poverty.

PS. I'm sure some of you were thinking of the war on terrorism, however, it's going much better than the war on poverty. We are getting better results in fighting terrorism. The

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, January 24, 2006**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

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Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the Contract Documents.

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Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract Documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 15, 2005
File No. 2005-1210

The following person is doing business as Gente Clothing, 1134 McKinley Ave., Woodland CA 95695:

Anthony Velasquez, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/10/05

/s/Anthony Velasquez

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 15, 2005
by: /Linda Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 1, 2005
File No. 2005-1258

The following person is doing business as HDH Port Supply, 3742 Phillip Is. Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Heather Cradit, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Heather Cradit

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 1, 2005
by: /s/Kimberli Barlow, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 8, 2005
File No. 2005-1193

The following person is doing business as Laundry Solutions, 24640 County Rd 22A, Esparto CA 95627:

Brian Carpenter, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/1/05

/s/Brian Carpenter

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Date: Nov. 8, 2005
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 8, 2005
File No. 2005-1195

The following person is doing business as French Cuff Consignment, 1001 Jefferson Blvd. #600, W. Sac. CA 95691:

Corey A. Deroo, 2592 Lagoon Ln., W. Sac. CA 95691; Darcy A. McNie, 35 Cool Fountain Ct., Sac. CA 95833.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/1/05

/s/Corey A. Deroo
/s/Darcy A. McNie

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov 8, 2005
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Order to Show Cause for Change of Name
PT05-1752

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner Nia Giang-Tri filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Nia Giang-Tri.
Proposed name: Priscilla Jiang.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Jan. 19, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, Yolo Superior Court, 812 Court Street, Woodland California 95695.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause will be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: News-Ledger.

Date: 10/27/05
THOMAS E. WARRINER
Judge of the Superior Court

Nov 23 - Dec 14 file

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

At their regular meeting on December 14, 2005 the West Sacramento City Council adopted by the vote noted below Ordinance 05-7 approving the first amendment to the Ironworks Development Agreement. The ordinance will be effective on January 13, 2006.

AYES: Beers, Kristoff, Villegas, Cabaldon
NOES: None
ABSENT: Pierson.

Dec 14

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 4, 2005
File No. 2005-1179

The following person is doing business as ownercare; ownercare of California, 4600 Roseville Rd., Suite 130, North Highlands CA 95660:

Ownercare of California LP, 4600 Roseville Road, Suite 130, North Highlands CA 95660.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Dane Hillyard, Manager
ownercare Associates, LLC
a Nevada LLC
General Partner

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Nov. 4, 2005
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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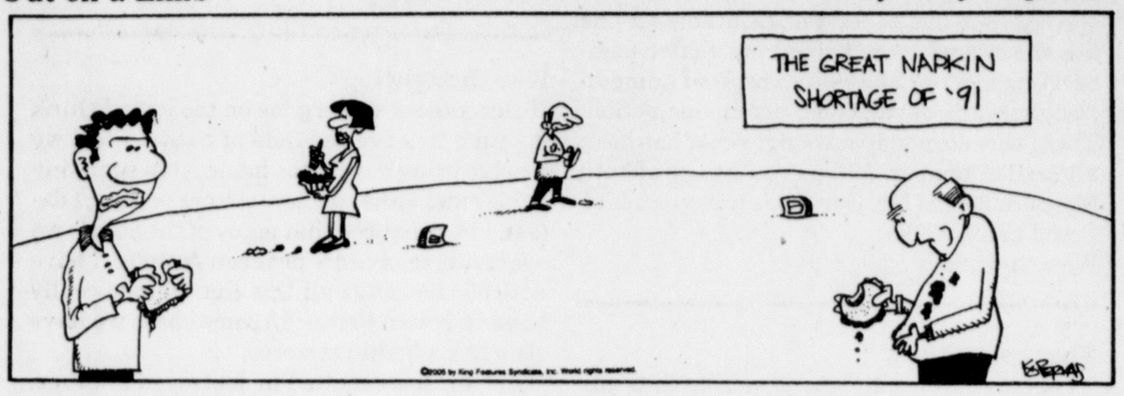
PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



The Spats by Jeff Pickering

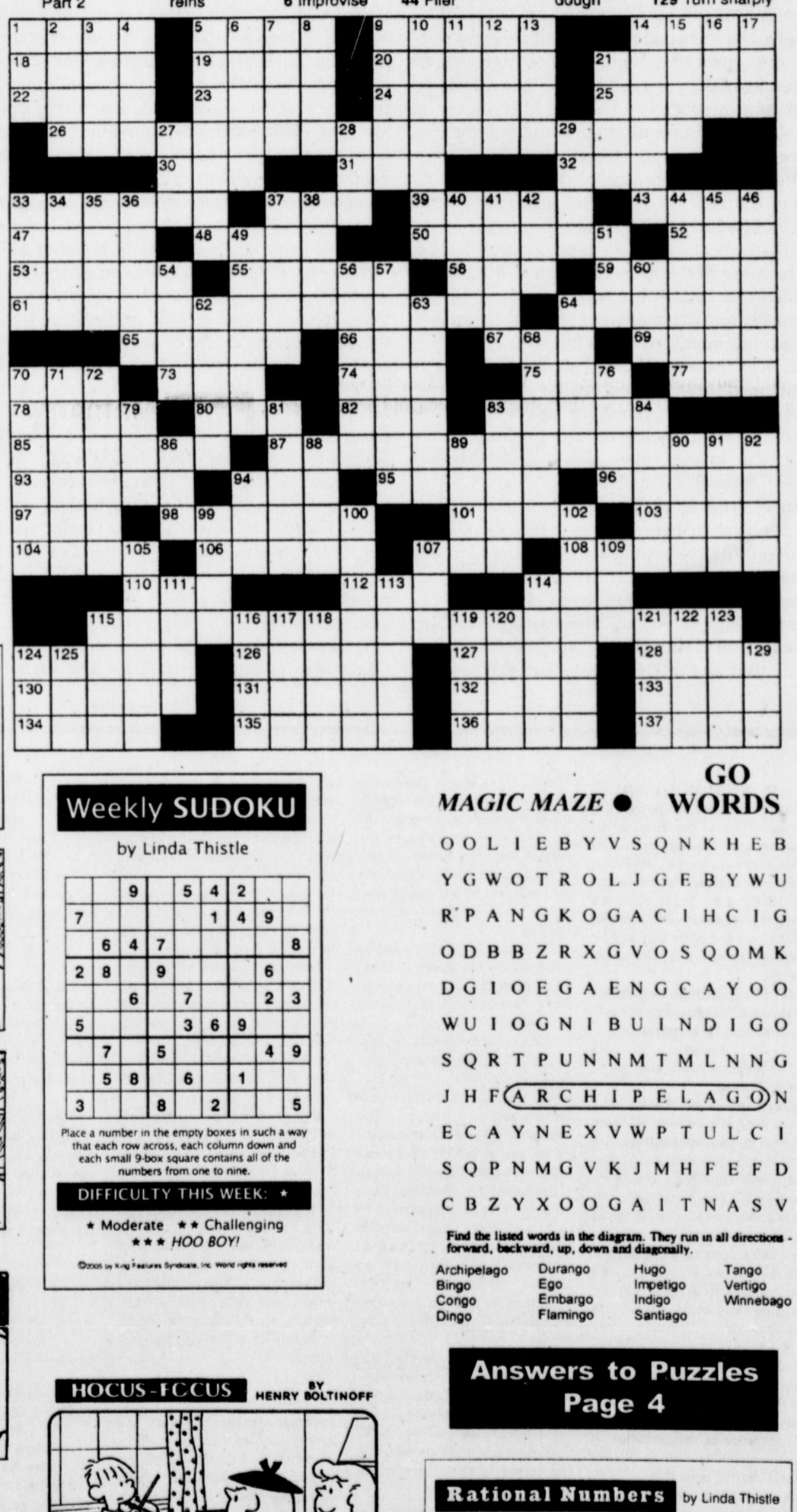
Amber Waves by Dave Phipp

Super Crossword

HOP TILL YOU DROP

ACROSS
1 Move swiftly
5 Oates' partner
9 Learns fast?
14 Spill the beans
18 Art deco designer
19 Concept
20 Spartan serf
21 "— Train" ('71 hit)
22 Marsh duck
23 Family
24 Cremona craftsman
25 Kickoff
26 Riddle: Part 1
30 Elf
31 "A mouse!"
32 Slippery —
33 Paris, to Helen
37 — -de-lance
39 Take the honey and run
43 — ghanouj
47 On a whale watch
48 Holler
50 Pay up
52 Actor McKellen
53 Wise guy
55 Retreats
58 — standstill
59 Heavyweight Holmes
61 Riddle: Part 2
64 With hands on hips
65 Activist Hoffman
66 Misjudge
67 Went jogging
69 Sew a toe
70 Beaver or boater
73 Figs.
74 By means of
75 Alphabet sequence
77 Duncan's denial
78 Singer Tori
80 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
82 Part of SASE
83 Coral outcrop
85 Cruise
87 Riddle: Part 3
93 Luncheon-ette lure
94 Every last bit
95 Distort
96 Bryant or Ekberg
97 "Unforget-table" name
98 Socked a shuttlecock
101 Sharp
103 Thicken
104 Sitka's st.
106 Take the reins
107 — diem
108 On the beach
110 Torrid
112 Beame or Burrows
114 Soupy Sales' dessert?
115 Answer to riddle
124 Serengeti group
126 Dunk it!
127 Clinton Cabinet member
128 Deride
130 Seasonal song
131 "— Gay"
132 Riyadh resident
133 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song)
134 Fret
135 Barrett and Jaffe
136 Spanish surrealist
137 Bog, for short

DOWN
1 Matching pieces
2 Hands
3 Bountiful setting
4 Oscar — Renta
5 Handle wood
6 Improvise
7 Slender
8 Polaroid inventor
9 Rub the wrong way
10 Some movies
11 Be — unto oneself
12 Lorre role
13 Tend the sauce
14 Stupefy
15 Endure
16 Mr. Lucky's card
17 Wager
21 Shooting match?
27 Even if, informally
28 Above, to Arnold
29 Boat bottom
33 Credit alternative
34 "— forgive those . . ."
35 Belfry sound
36 Buccaneers' headquarters
37 Cereal bit
38 Nobelist Wiesel
40 Remini of "The King of Queens"
41 Furry fisherman
42 Child welfare org.
44 Flier
45 Ms. Streisand
46 "Tennis, —?"
49 Plaza Hotel kid
51 Lodge brother
54 Library abbr.
56 Keanu of "Hardball"
57 Short races
60 Lend a hand
62 Porterhouse alternative
63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
64 Composer Bruckner
68 Perceptive
70 Cigar city
71 Lacking principles
72 Honda competitor
76 Skeleton part
79 Snead or Shepard
81 Investigate
83 Capp character
84 "The Elephant Man" director
86 Vapor
88 Nautical adverb
89 Gardener's tool
90 Mideastern dough
91 "Ripley's Believe — Not"
92 Conductor Jeffrey
94 Collectibles, collectively
99 Tivoli's Villa d'—
100 Blood count?
102 "Out of Africa" setting
105 "— of a Doubt" ('43 film)
107 Cello part
109 Wine word
111 Hurler Hershiser
113 Greek consonants
114 Correctional
115 Employ
116 — -Neisse Line
117 Singer Sonny
118 Aware of
119 Gowned figure
120 Blood components
121 Gulf country
122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
123 Philanthropist Cornell
124 Off. equipment
125 Sneaky sort
129 Turn sharply



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	7		5				4	9
	5	8		6		1		
3			8		2			5

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ *HOO BOY!*

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MAGIC MAZE ● GO WORDS

O O L I E B Y V S Q N K H E B
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R P A N G K O G A C I H C I G
O D B B Z R X G V O S Q O M K
D G I O E G A E N G C A Y O O
W U I O G N I B U I N D I G O
S Q R T P U N N M T M L N N G
J H F A R C H I P E L A G O N
E C A Y N E X V W P T U L C I
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C B Z Y X O O G A I T N A S V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Archipelago, Bingo, Congo, Dingo, Durango, Ego, Embargo, Flamingo, Hugo, Impetigo, Indigo, Santiago, Tango, Vertigo, Winnebago

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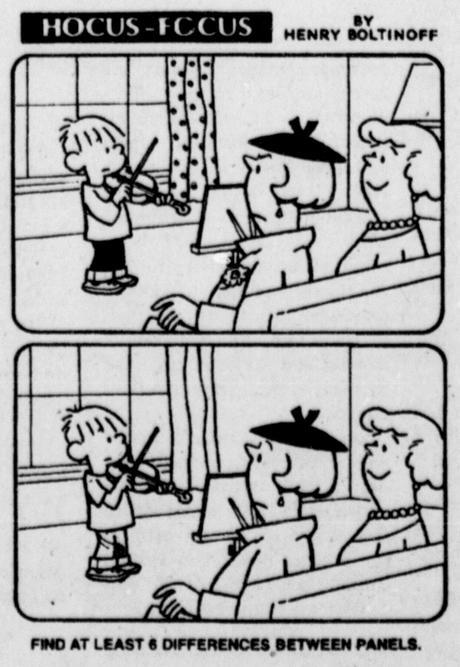
HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

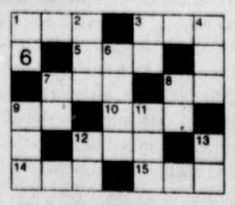


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. 8-Across plus 7-Down
3. Two hundred more than 5-Across
5. Two more than 1-Across
7. Three less than 14-Across
8. 9-Across plus 3-Down
9. Two less than 1-Down
10. Five more than 4-Down
12. Sixty more than 9-Down
14. Digits of 12-Across reversed
15. Five times 13-Down

DOWN
1. One-fourth of 7-Down
2. 15-Across minus 1-Across
3. Same digit repeated
4. One-fifth of 6-Down
6. Four different odd digits
7. 8-Down plus 12-Down
8. Three times 9-Across
9. One-half of 10-Across
11. 3-Across plus 7-Across
12. Same digit repeated
13. Three more than 8-Down

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

CRITIC'S CORNER
By D.N.A Smith

"Walk the Line"

Running time: 136 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

Joaquin Phoenix is no Johnny Cash. But then, who is? Therein lies the problem with "Walk the Line," director James Mangold's biopic of the legendary perfomer.

Rather than have Phoenix lip-sync to recordings of Johnny Cash, Mangold has the actor re-create the performances himself. Big Mistake. Phoenix tries hard to mimic Cash's voice and mannerisms, but he falls painfully short, especially in the singing department. To Phoenix's credit, though, he does do an admirable job of conveying that cocky, onstage Cash presence.

Another challenge for Mangold is how to tell the story of a man whose career spanned six decades. He gets around this by concentrating on the early years of Cash's career leading up to his legendary comeback concert at Folsom Prison in 1968.

The film begins backstage at Folsom Prison as Cash is preparing to go on. He isn't in a dressing room, but rather the prison workshop. He stares at a circular saw, and the film goes into flashback mode, back to Cash's turbulent and traumatic childhood. His father (Robert Patrick) is an abusive alcoholic, and when Johnny's brother dies in a sawmill accident, his father blames Cash for his death.

Fast-forward a few years. After a stint in the Air Force, he marries a woman named Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin), who tries to push him into a life of suburban normalcy, but Johnny instead takes a couple of his buddies to Sun Records to record a gospel song. The audition is a bust until Cash and Co. belt out an unrehearsed version of "Folsom Prison Blues."

Cash gets signed to Sun Records, goes on tour with Elvis (who gets Cash hooked on amphetamines) and meets June Carter (Reese Witherspoon). Cash adores June, but circumstances (like her already being married and his becoming an alcoholic and junkie) keep getting in their way.

Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon

The romantic angle of the film could've been so much more if there had been more chemistry between the two actors. I went into this film prepared not to like Witherspoon's performance, but she does such a spectacular job, you can't help but fall in love with her.

"Walk the Line" is an almost good/almost bad movie. Its title sums up the film perfectly. When the performances are right on, the film shines, but the flashbacks are so brief and episodic that often the movie feels more like an E! True Hollywood Story with a budget rather than a dramatic, polished motion picture.

If you're a fan of Cash, I think you'll be disappointed. But the casual filmgoer could see it at a matinee and not feel cheated.

GRADE: C

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THE CHOPPING BLOCK
by Philomena Corradeno

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Some friends tell me that though they do little or no baking during the year, when the holidays are approaching, these non-bakers are lured by the beautiful, tempting photos in the press and on TV. Now they're ready to pull out the mixing bowls.

Cookies and quick breads offer so little challenge because they're so easy. Cookies may be cut-outs and decorated, or they may be simple drop cookies with a little color to symbolize the season. Maraschino cherries, all red or a mix of red and green, give our Christmas bread a holiday look, and it makes a thoughtful gift. Once you've tasted it, you won't confine it to the holidays.

CHRISTMAS BREAD

1	*jar (10 ounces) maraschino cherries*
1 3/4	*cups all-purpose flour*
2	*teaspoons baking powder*
1/2	*teaspoon salt*
1/3	*cup butter or margarine, softened*
2/3	*cup firmly packed brown sugar*
2	*eggs*
1	*cup mashed ripe bananas*
1/2	*cup chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts*

1. Drain maraschino cherries, reserving 2 tablespoons juice. Cut cherries in quarters; set aside. Combine flour, baking powder and salt; set aside.

2. In medium mixing bowl, combine butter, brown sugar, eggs and reserved cherry juice; mix on medium speed of electric mixer until ingredients are thoroughly combined. Add flour mixture and mashed bananas alternately, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Stir in cherries and nuts. Lightly spray a 9-by-5-by-3-inch baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Spread batter evenly in pan.

3. Bake in a preheated 350 F oven for 1 hour, or until golden brown and wooden pick inserted near center comes out clean. Makes 1 loaf, about 16 slices.

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NEW PRODUCT NEWS: It's not a new butter, but it is the FlavorProtect Wrapper, a packaging innovation for **Land O Lakes** butter that keeps the butter from picking up other refrigerator odors. ... **Jennie O Turkey Store** (Hormel Foods) has introduced oven-ready, in-a-bag, frozen whole turkeys and boneless, skinless breasts and bone-in breasts that go directly from the freezer into the oven — no waiting to defrost or be cleaned. A gravy packet is included. ... **McCormick's** latest addition to the spice rack is Turkey Rub, a blend of dry herbs and spices that are traditional turkey seasonings. ... **Crisco** simplifies baking with a no-stick spray that combines Pillsbury flour and Crisco for a one-step coating that can be used on pans, rolling pins, rolling surface and hands to prevent sticking when kneading or shaping. ... **Ce De Candy, Inc.**, makers of Smarties (on U.S. candy shelves for more than 55 years), as well as novelties such as candy Necklaces, Lipstick, Watches, Money, Bubble Gum and Sweet and Sour gummies, have brought out Mega Sizes for their Smarties. ... **General Mills** has two new flavors for their Cheerios — Yogurt Burst Strawberry and Yogurt Burst Vanilla. ... **Heinz** is packaging its ketchup in a "Silly Squirts" plastic bottle designed for kid-size hands. Three openings in the top allow kids to express their creativity in garnishing their foods.

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record flows on both the American River and the Yolo Bypass, which tested all of the levees in Northern California. These record flows caused the federal and state hydrologists to recalculate and increase the projected flows for major storms in our area."

Workers have since improved the river levees to reduce seepage and water-side erosion, bringing protection above the "hundred year" level.

At one area along the norther baypass, the 1986 waters had removed "about a third of the crown width in 24 hours before rock and sandbags could be placed on the waterside to stop the damage from the waves."

The Corps has also reinforced some problematic levees with "slurry walls" or drains.

"The original West Sacramento Project was designed to provide 400 year protection, but that assumed that Auburn Dam would be constructed to provide storm water detention during major storms," said Ruzich. "Since that didn't happen, estimate that with the work that we have completed, based on the Corps critera at the time, the design should provide something in excess of 250 year protection."

West Sacramento does have higher levees and better flood protection than much of Sacramento.

Residents concerned about a perceived emergency threat such as a threat may visit the city website, www.cityofwestsacramento.org, or call the city's emergency operations center (if it is convened) at 617-4900 for emergency information.

The News-Ledger attempted to reach officials from the superintendent's office and the maintenance and transportation department of the Washington Unified School District to find out how the district might evacuate students, if necessary, during a large emergency. It could find no information other than plans by individual campuses to release children home, when possible, and gather them for "directed transportation" if they cannot go home.

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and we are obliged to reimburse him," said Westin.

The News-Ledger has earlier reported that Parham asked the board in a closed-session meeting to consent to a management study of River City High, in an apparent violation of state open meeting law. Parham and consultant Rice are business associates at a Southern California school district. This newspaper has submitted a California Public Records Act for more information on the contract.

The district has previously provided only a copy of a letter from Parham to Campbell on the subject – with part of a paragraph whited out. When asked about the white space, Associate Superintendent Sherianne Cotterell said that the "redaction" was due to "attorney client privilege."

Board members Dave Farmer, Barry Kalar and Mary Leland voted to approve the package of purchase orders put in front of them by district staff, but Westin was joined by Jones in a "no" vote.

"My 'no' vote was that I was concerned about the way the Rice report was put together, and how this was done in terms of approval," Jones later explained to the News-Ledger. "I just don't feel it was completely kosher. It was done by the attorney and the term used for us was 'in preparation for litigation.' "

The Rice study was commissioned as the district was embroiled in an attempt to remove the principal at River City at that time, Mort Geivett.

In other district business, WUSD on Monday announced a special meeting planned for last evening to interview several prospective "interim" superintendents to replace the resigning Patrick Campbell.

Jones said Monday that he expected the search for a permanent superintendent to take until about July, and said a short-term executive is needed.

Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Dec. 20, 1820,** Missouri puts a price on bachelorhood, instituting legislation that forced single men between the ages of 21 and 50 to hand over an annual tax of $1.

• On **Dec. 24, 1851,** a devastating fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroys about two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes. Today the collection contains more than 17 million books.

• On **Dec. 19, 1915,** internationally renowned French singer Edith Piaf is born. At age 20, Piaf supported herself with street singing and prostitution until a nightclub owner discovered her, dubbing her "la mome piaf" ("the waif sparrow").

• On **Dec. 21, 1937,** actress Jane Fonda is born. The daughter of actor Henry Fonda, she was nominated for an Oscar for "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" (1969), and won the Best Actress award in 1978 for "Coming Home."

• On **Dec. 23, 1944,** Gen. Dwight Eisenhower endorses the finding of a court-martial in the case of draftee Eddie Slovik, who was tried for desertion. Eisenhower authorized Slovik's execution.

Jill Jackson's HOLLYWOOD

John Goodman

HOLLYWOOD ... Still ho-ho time around Hollywood town: Studios closed down and no filming till the new year, just a lot of tourists, shopping, stars hopping to the mountains and desert, and not much news about the business. BUT, in the future, **Jessica Simpson** is set to star in "Employee of the Month," about a cashier in a discount store who makes the male employees go "ga-ga." Hopefully her big brown eyes and long blond hair will carry her through this one, as they did in "The Dukes of Hazzard." By the way, did you know that Jessica tried out for the Mickey Mouse Club and lost out to **Britney Spears**? Or that her father is a Baptist minister?

Also upcoming, a movie about **Manolete**, the world's most renowned bullfighter. Back in the 1940's he was a sensation, not only for his prowess in the bullring, but for his colorful character. Every woman in the world was in love with Manolete, but he was madly in love with an actress named **Lupe Sino**. **Adrien Brody** will play Manolete, and **Penelope Cruz** will portray Sino. The film shoots in Spain in the spring. ... Meanwhile, Adrien is studying all the moves of bullfighting with one of Spain's best. However, you can bet your bottom peso when the bulls are let loose before the camera and the reels are turning, it will be a stunt double in that bullring!

No casting as yet, but **Dan Petrie's** upcoming "Chasing Dinner" sounds like a howl. This about a small town wherein three pigs about to be butchered for people's dinner escape and cause a media circus among the hometowners. You could call it "hams on the lam" or whatever, but it should make for "oinking" music when it hits the box office. ... And **David Bowie** is looking at a script titled "The Prestige," a thriller set in the world of magic about **Nikola Tesla**, a Serbian-American inventor who discovered the rotating magnetic field. Already in the cast are **Michael Caine, Hugh Jackman** and **Christian Bale**.

Aside to Bella G. of New Haven, Conn. Yours is a hard question to answer, but yes, **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Michael Jackson** were quite close. Remember, her last wedding was at Neverland. However, we don't read or hear or see much about them having recent communications. I'll see if I can find the answer for you. ... And to Peter K. of Lake Charles, La.: Yes, **Madonna's** hit "Frozen" has been pulled from the music stores until her battle with a Belgian songwriter who claims she plagiarized one of his songs is settled. Meanwhile, our girl goes on being a mommy, writing children's books and singing other songs.

Want to see a fun flick? Try "Yours, Mine and Ours." And Paramount hosted a preem and party with all 18 youngsters joining in the fun inside a replica of the family home. Everybody danced, chowed down on comfort food and drank a lot of soda pop.

While there's trouble between **Angelina** and **Brad**, her dad, **Jon Voight**, is receiving raves for his portrayal of the late **Pope John Paul**. The film was run for the present Pope Benedict, who bestowed his blessings upon Voight.

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BITS 'N' PIECES: **John Goodman**, humongous at more than 300 pounds, is receiving raves for his portrayal of Big Daddy in "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof" onstage in L.A. ... Young **Miss Drew Barrymore** is No. 1 in a list of the top-10 richest actresses in '05. This includes her onscreen and production company takes. ... AND didya know that when **Elizabeth Taylor** was 3 years old she danced before **Elizabeth** and **Margaret** — the young princesses of England? *Merry Christmas!*

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacramento River registered eight feet two inches, United States gauge at the Southern Pacific bridge yesterday. From the California Co-operative Crop Reporting Service, issued on a late date, the following is clipped to show conditions at the present time:

Rainfall during the past month has been ample in many localities to improve the condition of pasture. This is particularly true in the valleys of the northern third of the state and through the foothills and lower mountain pastures in other parts of the state.

PASTURE—The condition of pasture for the entire state on December 1 was about 76 per cent of a normal as compared with 79 on December 1 last year and 60 per cent one month ago.

LIVESTOCK—A small improvement is recorded in the condition of cattle and sheep as compared with reports received on November 1. The condition of cattle on December 1 was about 82 per cent of a normal as compared with 88 one year ago and 80 one month ago. The condition of sheep on December 1 was about 86 per cent of a normal as compared with 91 one year ago and 82 one month ago.

Mrs. J. Wantring of West Sacramento underwent an operation at a Sacramento hospital last Wednesday for removal of a tumor. Mrs. Wantring is the mother of Mrs. Joseph Feher of West Sacramento and has been suffering for some time with her malady. Word from her bedside yesterday indicated that she was rapidly recovering and expected to be at her home soon again.

A baby boy was born last Thursday to Mrs. William Lambert of West Sacramento. Mother and baby are getting along splendidly.

Mrs. Martha Mathena is reported to be seriously sick at the home of relatives in Sacramento. Mrs. Mathena has passed her ninety-ninth year and was a pioneer settler in this section of the state. From accounts at hand it appears that Mrs. Mathena is simply meeting the demands of nature and quietly preparing for the end which is bound to come in the near future.

At the West Sacramento Auto Camp there will be rejoicing on Christmas Eve in the community house of the camp ground. A large Christmas tree has been prepared and the decorations are now ready to be placed. There will be a small token of remembrance for everybody attending the Christmas tree, after which a dance will be held and for which music has already been provided.

I Save You Money—And always satisfy you, for I carry only the best goods—among them John B. Stetson and No Name hats, Sunset hand tailored caps, Wolverine work shirts, Peters Shoe Co. dress shoes, Boss of the Road and Headlight overalls, Cameron fade-proof shirts, Brotherhood & Block union made work gloves; heavy wool knit and wool lined gloves, and other standard lines. The No-Rent, Money-Back Store, Gus Marks, 417 K street. For your accommodation open until 9 evenings. Cash Checks.—Adv.

Ah Lem, a Chinese arrested by Constable Buckingham at Second and Harriett streets, or to be more specific, at the building in which the Crenshaw Auto Shop was lately located, was fined $100 last Tuesday by Judge Barry for having lottery tickets in his possession. The place was raided on the previous night by Constable Buckingham and Lem was caught with the tickets, but no cash was found on the premises. When arraigned before Judge Barry, the Chinese pleaded guilty and paid a fine of $100.

On the occasion of theabove raid, Ah Jim was also arrested on the charge of operating a chuck-a-luck game, but the evidence found on him was not sufficient for conviction. He simply had the instruments for gambling in his possession, but there being no money on the tables and no players on hand, the Chinese was discharged because it was believed that a conviction could not be secured.

Peter Masloff, a resident of Oak Park but lately of Riverbank, was arrested last Thursday night for reckless driving in Riverbank. It seems that Peter became loaded with that high-proof stuff that is manufactured along the Fruitridge road district and came over to Riverbank to see old friends. He occupied the entire road on the way between Washington and Riverbank, with the result that he collided with an Overland car that was being driven by Joseph Verboven. Both cars were wrecked in the collision, Verboven suffering a loss of about $300, which amount Masloff refuses to pay. Verboven has sworn to a complaint against Masloff and seeks damages not only for the injury to the car but to the injury suffered by Mrs. Verboven, who was riding with him at the time of the collision. On the charge of reckless driving brought by Constable Buckingham against Masloff he was fined $25, which he paid to Judbe Barry's court, but refuses to do anything to settle the claim of Verboven.

Dave Sauseman was assaulted on Second street last Monday night about 5:30 p. m. by two young men whom he believes to have been about twenty years of age. Sauseman was on his way to the Southern Pacific bridge and was passing in front of the home of P. A. Hart when the assault was committed. One of the young men struck him a powerful blow in the throat that prevented him from calling for help. The other youngster robbed him while the assailant held him. They secured from him about $7.50, but refused to take his watch in fear that it might become a means of identification. The assault took place about 5:30 p. m. or immediately after the street lights were turned on. Sauseman believes that he can place his hand on the two young men who committed the assault and is quietly investigating on his own part with the hope that he may be able to land them when they are not suspicious.

Postmaster Van Deren reports that business in the post office up to the present time for the Christmas season shows a great increase and from this date on expects a still heavier amount of mail and parcel post material. The gradual increase that has been showing at the post office is evidence of a great increase in the population in this section of Yolo County.

Contrary to expectations and even contrary to published reports, George Beale will have a supply of turkeys on hand for Christmas. After considerable trouble he located a flock of birds in the foothills of Yolo County and grabbed the chance to supply his customers around town. George says he carries turkeys only for the accommodation of his trade and not to make money on them.

Ed Moss is particularly happy over the lively demand he has lately been experiencing in the Washington Meat Market. Ed believes that people must have more meat in the winter time and the wholesale supply houses have been wondering what on earth he does with the big orders they send to him.

The Washington public school closed this afternoon for the Christmas vacation to reopen again on January 5, 1925.

Men, Listen!—The No-Rent Store saves you money. I carry only the best nationally advertised standard lines on the market. All guaranteed for service. Now is the time to lay in your winter supply. Agents for Oregon City Woolen Mills virgin wool men's suits, overcoats, mackinaws, flannel shirts; Rough Rider corduroy and Sweet-Orr pants, pure wool; also wool mixture; Cooper, Allen A., and Glastenbury underwear; pure wool sport and coat sweaters and vests, leather coats, oil clothing and rubber boots. The No-Rent, Money-Back Store. Cash Checks given. Gus Marks, 417 K St. Open evenings until 9 o'clock.—Adv.

Mrs. A. Dassonville and son Jack spent Sunday in Newcastle visiting Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Huett.

Mrs. O. P. Cook left Monday for San Francisco. Her husband was operated on Saturday at the Southern Pacific hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Strader of Fresno are spending a few days here visiting Mrs. Emma Hunt.

Mrs. Byron Williams returned to her home Monday after having been confined to the Sutter Hospital for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Porter, who have resided here for sometime, left for Chico to make their home.

Mrs. A. A. Dassonville and Miss Helen Dassonville have returned from Oakland, where they visited friends and relatives.

"For Sale—A Prison," is the odd advertisement which appeared in the newspaper of the town of Meckamburg, Switzerland. The jail has been empty for many years and the officials have decided to sell it and save the money of its upkeep.

And no prohibition there.

DONATION DAY BRINGS RELIEF TO THE UNFORTUNATE

Last Tuesday, December 16, which had been designated as Donation Day in the town of Washington by members of the Boosters' Club, did not result in a great outpouring of gifts for the poor and unfortunate.

Mrs. Ray Peek and Mrs. Painter put in their time at the town hall for several hours waiting for benefactors but very few showed up.

Mrs. Cameron, however, reported that she had received several telephone messages advising her that neighbors and residents of the town had several gifts ready for distribution if only some conveyance could be sent after them.

No real cases of destitution have been reported in the community, although in one case, that of a Mexican family located in the M street camp grounds, there were four children whose father had deserted them and who were in need of warmer clothing for the winter season.

Mrs. Cameron promised to look after this case and any others that might subsequently be turned in.

GRADUALLY FADING AS NATURE PROVIDES

Henry Leinberger, Sr., appears to be gradually paying the penalty of old age and although he is still bright in mind and wholesome in body his strength wanes from day to day even with the tender nursing of several relatives and graduated nurses.

His mind is still bright. He converses happily with his friends. He is solicitous about his business but his strength is waning. His physician believes he may continue in his present condition for some considerable time.

Hearing on Location of Highway in Washington Before State Commissioners Will Be Given on Jan. 14th

Frank Mixon, secretary of the state highway commission, informed the Independent last Tuesday that the state highway commissioners would grant a hearing to residents and taxpayers of Washington on January 14 relative to a change in plans for the highway through Washington.

In a previous issue of this paper word was published that plans had been framed to run the highway outside of the town or, more specifically, along the northern line of the embankment of the Sacramento Northern Railway to connect with the M street bridge.

To this routing the people of Washington object because they argue that it would be an injustice to the taxpayers within the town limits and, in addition, that routing would be a more dangerous road to travel than if the road were to connect with the Southern Pacific bridge.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors of Yolo County on December 1 a delegation of taxpayers appeared protesting against the appropriation of sufficient funds to pay one-quarter of the cost of a new subway under the Sacramento Northern embankment that is to be located between five and six hundred feet west of the present subway at the foot of Fifth street. The argument advanced at that time by the taxpayers was that if the funds were appropriated by the Yolo board of supervisors for that subway then the completed plans running the road to connect with the M street bridge would be fulfilled as shown on maps presented by representatives of the state highway commission.

Fortunately, the representatives of the state highway commission present at that meeting, among whom was Secretary Mixon, withdrew the application until the taxpayers of Washington could be given a hearing.

Now comes Secretary Mixon advising the Independent that the requested meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon, January 14, at 1:30 p. m. in Room 515 of the Forum Building, at Ninth and K streets, Sacramento.

Present at that meeting will be State Highway Commissioners Harvey M. Toy, Louis Everding and N. T. Edwards, with State Highway Engineer Robert Morton and Secretary Frank Mixon.

In advising the Independent relative to this hearing, Secretary Mixon impressed on the writer that it is not necessary for a mob of taxpayers to be present for the purpose of furthering the individual claims of each taxpayer.

On the contrary, it is necessary that the claims of the town of Washington be advanced intelligently, logically and reasonably, and that those claims will be given due consideration by the highway commissioners, but since other claims are also to be presented on the same day from other localities, the commissioners will not listen to the individual opinions and claims of the different taxpayers.

Nor must there be a mob of any character at the hearing.

If the claims of the people of the town of Washington are advanced reasonably and logically there is no doubt that the highway commissioners will give a fair and impartial hearing and may even decide there and then to change the routing of the state highway through the town of Washington from the plans already framed and mapped, and make a new routing through the town to connect with the Southern Pacific bridge.

Secretary Mixon impressed on the writer also that the idea must be conveyed to the people that the commissioners form a state body to accommodate the people of the state and not the people of any particular section or hamlet or settlement. The purpose of the commissioners is to build the roads so that the greatest number of taxpayers will have the shortest route between centers of population in the state.

Taxpayers in the town of Washington have paid heavily already toward the state highways. Up to this moment they have had but very poor accommodation because the roadway through the town is not only unsatisfactory but is even dangerous. There is no more dangerous curve in the whole section of state highway than that known as "death curve," located at Fifth and Anne streets in the town of Washington.

In addition, there are the grades of varying declivities and proclivities along Anne street, between Fifth street and the incline of the Southern Pacific bridge. These have been anything but satisfactory and now that a state road is to be built through the town the taxpayers feel that they should be given a preference, if possible.

LATER

The above information was conveyed to the meeting of the Washington Boosters' Club last Tuesday evening in the town hall.

After considerable discussion, a motion was passed and carried that it was the sense of the Boosters' Club that Joseph Pereira should be recognized as the official representative of the club at the hearing to be granted before the state highway commissioners on January 14.

Pereira is recognized as one of the property owners most deeply affected in the transfer of the state highway routing from that which now exists to that which is proposed in the plans of the commissioners, namely, that along the northern line of the Sacramento Northern embankment and connecting with the M street bridge.

Pereira advised the members of the Boosters' Club that he had been doing considerable work in connection with the hearing that is to be granted by the commissioners. He said he had consulted several of the large property owners and secured from them a proxy to represent them before the commissioners, and he advised that provided no better talker could be found to present the claims of the people of the town he would do it himself.

CHRISTMAS TREE HELD TODAY FOR CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

This afternoon in the public school building of Washington three hundred regular attendants were present to enjoy an entertainment and distribution of Christmas gifts provided by the Parent-Teachers Association.

The funds were provided by the Parent-Teachers Association in the amount of about $20. Of this amount there was left over from last year's funds $14.31, and to that was added a little over $5.00 to complete the amount necessary for the gifts.

The firm of Clark & Kiefman supplied all the candy and sweetmeats required.

During several days the children of the public school have been preparing a program of entertainment for their friends and parents and were thoroughly drilled in their recitals for the Christmas tree.

The average attendance at the public school building is 286 children, but in order that there might be no shortage the Parent-Teachers Association were prepared to entertain about 300. There was no provision made for outside children or youngsters who are not yet of school age.

The Independent was not able to secure details of the entertainment before going to press.

GREZORK EXONERATED OF SUSPICION

Woodland, Dec. 15.—H. D. Grezork, who was under surveillance as a robbery suspect, has been exonerated of any suspicion by residents of Washington who were robbed.

Grezork was brought to a local hospital several days ago in a serious condition. He said he had been attacked and robbed.

CANCER CAUSED MORAGLIA'S DEATH AT AN EARLY AGE

Luigi Moraglia, a resident of Washington for several years and a brother-in-law of Ed. Guastali, died in Sacramento in the Sutter Hospital on December 3, where he was taken to undergo an operation.

Following a proper diagnosis of his ailment it was decided by his physicians that no operation would be performed. He was afflicted with cancer of the stomach with no hope of saving his life because of the advanced stage of the disease.

Moraglia had operated a dairy for several years on the Henley place west of town. He was a frugal and industrious man and during a short lifetime of thirty-six years saved considerable, which he left to his wife and boy, who have contnued to reside in Italy since he came to the United States.

By a great concourse of friends who knew him well and who esteemed him for his worth, he was conveyed to his last resting place in St. Joseph's Cemetery on Saturday, December 6.

His little family in Italy have been advised of his death and his brother-in-law, Ed. Guastali, is setting up his affairs for their benefit.

BRANCH LIBRARY TO BE OPENED AT ELKHORN

Plans for the establishment of a branch county library at the Monument district school of which Miss Adele P. Marty is instructress, were taken up at the meeting of the Elkhorn Farm Center, presided over by W. E. M. Beardslee last Monday evening. This, together with plans for the annual Elkhorn center Christmas tree to be held next Saturday evening, were the principal business items of an extended and interesting program.

Membership drive committeemen were named in H. L. Ogden, K. L. Lovdal, J. E. Bandy, Charles Luce, Mrs. Luce, George Hicks, Mrs. K. L. Lovdal, E. R. Hanner and Mrs. H. L. Ogden. They were instructed to attend the annual drive banquet to be held at Yolo on Friday evening, January 9.

Professor J. W. Gilmore of the University Farm at Davis, recently from Chili, South America, discussed the agricultural conditions in the Southern Republic most interestingly, convincing the American farmer that he had the best of the situation on this continent.

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HOMES from p. 6

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LOST PETS

LOST male cat, on 11/23 near Vermont Street. Orange cat wearing red harness. "Tinker." Please call 372-7478 or 548-3290. Reward.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Tuesday, February 14, 2006** for the:

Sewer Pump Stations Rehabilitation Project

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The project consists of work at eleven (11) existing sewer pump stations, at the City Hall, and at the WWTP, and a brief description of the work at each site is given below.

Allan Pump Station:

The work consists of miscellaneous site work including handrail posts with chain railing, replacement of valves, modification to the chainlink fence, miscellaneous electrical work including updating the SCADA system and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Bridgeway Island Pump Station:

The work consists of updating the SCADA system and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Bryte Pump Station:

The work consists of replacement of pumping units, piping, pump vent lines, standby power, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, structural modifications, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system, miscellaneous site work including a chainlink fence and gate and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Coke Pump Station:

The work consists of replacement of electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, standby power, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system, pump vent lines, and all related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Industrial Pump Station:

The work consists of trimming and providing new pump impellers, piping, flow meter, plugging holes in suction piping in the wet well, pump vent lines, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system including coating of the dry well floor, traffic control, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Jefferson Pump Station:

The work consists of replacing valves, standby power, piping, flow meter, plugging holes in suction piping in the wet well, pump vent lines, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Largo Pump Station:

The work consists of updating the SCADA system and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Northport Pump Station:

The work consists of trimming and providing new pump impellers, piping, flow meter, plugging holes in suction piping in the wet well, pump vent lines, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

South Pump Station:

The work consists of replacement of pumping units, piping, strap-on flow meter, pump vent lines, standby power, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system including coating of the dry well floor, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Southport Pump Station:

The work consists of replacement of pumps, pump vent lines, standby power, electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

Triangle Pump Station:

The work consists of replacement of electrical equipment, miscellaneous electrical work, updating the SCADA system, cathodic protection system including coating of the dry well floor, pump vent lines, and related work as shown and/or described in the Contract Documents. The existing pump station shall remain operational during construction. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

City Hall:

The work consists of installing SCADA system with antennas. See also Specification Section 16010, Electrical, for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

WWTP:

The work consists of installing a SCADA terminal. See Section 16010, Electrical for more information on the electrical scope of the project.

In addition, the work shall include the replacement of any pavement and/or concrete removed or damaged as a consequence of the execution of this Contract.

The Contractor shall provide labor, materials, tools, and equipment, and shall perform all work necessary to complete the project as shown on the plans, drawings, specifications, and specified herein.

Completion of Work: Notice-to-Proceed will be granted on or before May 15, 2006. The pump stations shall be in automatic control by September 1, 2007, and all punch list items shall be completed by the final completion date of October 15, 2007. No inclement weather days will be awarded for this project.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $150.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $160.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

Submission of Proposals: All proposals must be submitted not later than the time prescribed. The bidder is wholly responsible to see that his bid is submitted at the time and place designated for the opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening bids.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to this notice and shall be made on the official proposal forms furnished with the contract documents.

Attention is directed to the provisions of the Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15 which makes it a misdemeanor for any person without a valid contractors license (with specific exceptions) to submit a bid to act as a Contractor to a public agency.

Proposal Guarantee: Each proposal must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond, executed on the prescribed form, in an amount not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid price payable to the City of West Sacramento.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Government Code Section 4590, securities may be substituted for any monies which the City may withhold pursuant to the terms of this Contract to ensure performance.

Construction License: The successful bidder must possess a current **Class "A" General Engineering** Contractor's License issued by the State of California. The Electrical Contractor shall possess a current C-10 Electrical Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

Pre-Bid Meeting/Job Walk: Prospective bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting/job walk to discuss the project, schedule, construction sequencing, etc. and visit three or four of the key pump stations. Future pump station tours can be accommodated by the City if requested by the prospective bidders. The meeting wi!l be conducted by the City and the Engineer at 10:00 a.m. on January 24, 2006. The object of the walk through is to acquaint bidders with the project and to discuss the work. Bidders shall meet at the City of West Sacramento's City Hall at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA.

Award: The award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with the specified requirements. The award of Contract will be made by the Director of Community Development, and the Contractor shall execute the Contract within ten (10) days after he has received the Contract from the City.

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularity in the proposals. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

Rejection of Bids: The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Any bid not conforming to the intent and purpose of the Contract documents may be rejected. The City reserves the right to make all awards in the best interest of the City.

Disqualification of Bidder: If there is a reason to believe that collusion exists among any bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered and the City may likewise elect to reject all bids received.

Relief of Bidder: Attention is directed to the provisions of Public Contracts Code Section 5101 and following, concerning relief of bidders and in particular to the requirements therein that if the bidder claims a mistake was made in his bid, the bidder shall give the City written notice, within five (5) days after the opening of bids of the alleged mistake, specifying in the notice, in detail, how the mistake occurred.

Wage Rates: Bidders are hereby notified that the California Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the work.

It shall be mandatory for the Contractor and any subcontractor under him to pay not less than the said specified rates to laborers and workmen employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

Bonds: The successful bidder will be required to furnish a payment bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred (100) percent of the Contract price.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec. 2, 2005
File No. 2005-1259

The following person is doing business as Randall Jacobs Sr. Authorized Mac Tool Distributor, 18044 Co. Rd. 93B, Woodland CA 95695:

Randall J. Jacobs, Sr., same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Randall Jacobs Sr.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Dec 2, 2005
by: /s/Kimberli Barlow, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Tatjana J. Martynenko
CASE NUMBER PB05-249

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Tatjana J. Martynenko:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Peter Martynenko in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Peter Martynenko be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 16, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 812 Court St., Woodland CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The previously noticed December 14, 2005 public hearing on Resolution 05-105 amending the Book of City Imposts regarding development impact fees for traffic improvements and Ordinance 05-24 adding a facilities development fee to the Municipal Code has been cancelled. This item will be rescheduled and renoticed at a later date.

Dec 14

WEST SACRAMENTO PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The January 5, 2006 meeting of the West Sacramento Planning Commission has been cancelled.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on, January 19, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento.

Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

Dec 14

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Date of Filing Application: November 7, 2005
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is: Arteagas Supermarket Inc.

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Type of license applied for: 20 – Off-Sale Beer and Wine.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 14, 2005
File No. 2005-1206

The following person is doing business as Pete's Pool Service, 3350 Pilot Point Rd., W. Sacramento CA 95691:

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/s/Peter Kuzmenko

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File No. 2005-1190

The following person is doing business as Destiny Group, 1500 Park Ave., West Sacramento; mailing: 2605 Perkins Rd., West Sacramento CA 95691:

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
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File No. 2005-1218

The following person is doing business as Northern California Land & Investment LLC, 1555 E Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95776:

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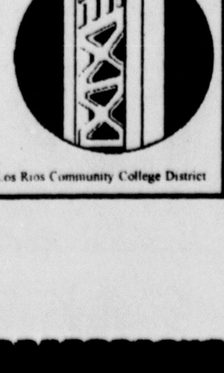

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Local Scene

Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps has a "Toys for Tots" collection barrel at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue. You're invited to drop off a new, unwrapped toy during the library's business hours. Toys will be distributed to kids later this month. For more information, call 375-6465.

Save on energy

PG&E is offering a financial incentive to reduce your use of natural gas this winter. The "10/20 Winter Gas Savings Program" provides a 20 percent rebate to eligible customers who reduce gas usage by 10 percent between January and March. For tips and details, visit www.pge.com.

Elkhorn Idol

Elkhorn Elementary School plans an "Elkhorn Idol" talent competition as a fundraiser for the Broderick Christian Center in West Sacramento. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the school, 750 Cummins Way. Call 375-7670 for information. Student body president Carolina Garcia has also challenged each classroom to come up with at least one basket of food for needy families in the area. The Broderick Christian Center provides housing, rehabilitation help and preschool programs for those in need.

Collecting coats

The West Sacramento Women of the Moose will help News 10's "Coats for Kids" program, with a drop-off box for youth-sized coats at the lodge on Jefferson Blvd. Coats may be dropped off most afternoons or early evenings. For more information on the coat program, call 321-3362 or visit news10.net.

Financial aid

River City High School will host a financial aid information night on Wed., Jan. 18, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school library. Senior class members bound for college or trade school, and their parents, are welcome.

Blankets

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library is collecting blankets to donate to the Broderick Christian Center. You may drop off donated blankets to the library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, in the collection box provided. For more information, call 375-6465.

Senior pot luck

The Golden Years Club, serving people 50 and over, is hosting a pot luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., Dec. 20, at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento. Please bring your own service. For information on the event or club membership, call 371-8479 or 371-8126.

Basketball

'Open Gym Basketball' is open to all adults in the community, at the Russian Baptist Church (Jefferson Blvd. at Sacramento Avenue) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is $1 per day. Call 373-5819 for more information.

Hay ride & carols

Journey Christian Church invites you to a horse-drawn wagon hay ride & Christmas caroling on Sat., Dec. 17, from 6-9 p.m. at Bridgeway Island Elementary School. Wagons will depart every 20 minutes. Free beverages, snacks & treats. For more information, call 375-0800.

Adopt-a-team

The West Sacramento Girls Softball League invites your business to sponsor a team in 2006. Call Miguel at (916) 308-8450 or email westsacgirlssoftball@yahoo.com.

Softball signups, clinic

The West Sacramento Girls Softball League will accept signups on Jan. 7, 10-12, 14, 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Johnnie's Sidewalk Pizza. The league will also host a softball clinic on March 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Sacramento State University softball coach Kathy Strahan and her staff, helping girls age 5-18 work on pitching, infield defense, outfield defense and hitting. Cost for the clinic is $25 and registration begins at the event at 9:30 a.m. For more information on league signups or the clinic, call Miguel at 308-8450.

Christmas lights

John Vinson invites those interested in cruising for holiday light displays to visit Call Court. Take Jefferson Blvd. south just past Nugget, turn right on Higgins, left on Mareca and right on Call Court. Visitors to the evening light displays are invited to bring a can of food or a new unwrapped toy along (if you can) for donation to the needy. On Sat. Dec. 17, Santa will be on hand to greet the kids.

Blood drive

New and returning blood donors are asked to consider giving blood on Sun., Dec. 18, between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. to BloodSource, parked near Round Table Pizza at the Nugget center in Southport. If you are at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), in good health, free of cold symptoms for at least 48 hours and weigh at least 110 pounds, you are probably eligible. Please bring a photo ID. The donation process takes about an hour, and donors get a free holiday T-shirt. Call (800) 995-4420 ext. 11010.

Advent & Christmas

Community Lutheran Church invites you to attend Youth Christmas Service on Dec. 18 and Christmas Day Worship on Dec. 25 at 10 a.m., 920 Drever Street. A Christmas Eve candlelight worship is planned for 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. Call 798-8724 for more information.

Recycle cooking oil

A new city program offers you a chance to recycle your used cooking oil this holiday season. Instead of risking blocked pipes by pouring it down a drain, save it in a sturdy container and take it to the public works department, 1951 South River Road, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No charge for residents or city employees showing a photo ID. Remember, homeowners and residents can be tapped for cleanup costs if a pipe blockage is traced to their home. For information, call 617-4850.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will distribute food to eligible residents of West Sacramento and Clarksburg this month. Distribution dates include Dec. 20 at Community Lutheran Church in West Sacramento from 10:30-11:15 a.m.; 11 a.m. to noon at the Yolo Housing Authority, 685 Lighthouse Dr.; on Dec. 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Clarksburg Firehouse; and on Dec. 27 from 9-11 a.m. at the West Sacramento County Building, 500 Jefferson Blvd.

Moose events

West Sacramento's Moose Lodge at 3240 Jefferson Blvd. will host a Cajun New Years Eve party on Dec. 31, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner and dancing. $40/person. Call 371-6303.

Elks Christmas

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge will host a kids' Christmas party on Sat., Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 423 Third Street. Free hot dogs, and a visit from Santa.

Angel Alert

Journey Christian Church plans a special Christmas musical and worship service on Sat., Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at Bridgeway Island Elementary School, 3255 Half Moon Bay Circle. Upbeat music and angels waiting to make the 'Grand Announcement.' Call 375-0800 for more information.

Little League

West Sacramento Little League is offering online signups at its website, www.westsacLL.com. If you have questions, call Rick Hart at (916) 417-8406 or email Rick@sierrahart.net. Don't proscrastinate!

Toys, coats & blankets

A holiday drive to gather toys, coats and blankets to benefit Families in Self Help (FISH), West Sacramento Loaves and Fishes and the families of Yolo County farm workers is planned through December 16. You may drop off new or used toys, coats or blankets at the Fidelity office, 921 Jefferson Blvd. in West Sacramento.

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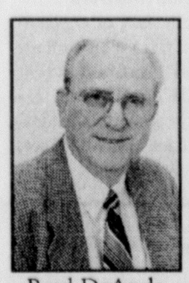
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Are R.C's teens informed about sex?
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California High School Exit Exam takes effect 2006

Class of 2006: R.C. students surpass state average on CAHSEE

By Desirae Guevara & Sharolyn Camba
Staff Writers

After taking the most recent California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) only 44 seniors at River City High School still need to pass the exam in order to graduate. This number includes special education students as well as English language learners, reported Cora Hocker R.C. Data Operation Specialist.

The graduating class of 2006 will be the first class required to pass the CAHSEE. There are 351 River City seniors this year, and they all must pass the CAHSEE to graduate.

At the beginning of the school year, 82 seniors still had not passed the exam. "Seniors who have not passed CAHSSE are taking the CAHSEE English Language Arts class to prepare them for the test to increase the odds of passing," stated English teacher Michelle Mejia-Hayes.

To date 93 percent of R.C. seniors have passed the English section and 94 percent passed the math section of the CAHSEE.

On Dec. 11, *The Sacramento Bee* reported that there are "roughly 450,000 high school seniors" who must pass CAHSEE in order to graduate. The article further indicated that nearly 90,000 seniors across California have not passed the exam to date, placing the statewide average passing rate at 80 percent.

Students take the exit exam for the first time in 10th grade. "I hope I don't fail, so I'm going to study," says Erika Godwin, who is nervous about taking the CAHSEE for the first time during their sophomore year. If they fail a section, students retake that section until they pass.

The primary purpose of the CAHSEE is to improve student achievement and to ensure that students have demonstrated proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics. The exam has two sections: English language arts and math.

Students must answer 60 percent of the English questions correctly and 55 percent of the math questions to pass CAHSEE.

Students have up to five opportunities to pass CAHSEE. The state requires schools to provide additional help to students who have not passed the CAHSEE. River City offers informational textbooks, tutoring and study guides in addition to the CAHSEE class.

Special education students and English language learners must take the CAHSEE and pass it. Special education students have testing accommodations and modifications written into their Individual Education Plan (IEP) to meet thier learning needs for taking the CAHSEE. This is required by law.

"Special education students are taught the same curriculum but more emphasis is placed on using the different learning modalities. Students recieve more details and more in-depth directions," stated special education department chair Diane Askew.

Last year, 100 students that were in the Special Education Program took the CAHSEE, but only 20 passed.

English language learners have up to 24 months after arriving to take the CAHSEE. Last year, 153 English language learners took the CAHSEE and only 44 passed.

Students who fail to pass the exam by the end of their senior year may attend adult education classes to earn a diploma, or they can take the GED.

"The CAHSEE better prepares students for post-secondary education and adult life, promotes consistency across the state in what students are learning and raises support for the education system when the public sees yearly gains in achievement," states Edsource Clarifying Complex Education Issues. Though many students struggle to pass the California High School Exit Exam, it is still a state requirement and is not or will be an option for school districts.

AP scores gradually rising

River City improves in national exam

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

The College Board, for the first-time ever, released an *Advanced Placement Report to the Nation*. It indicates all 50 states and the District of Columbia "have achieved an increase in the percentage of high school students succeeding in college-level AP courses."

AP results for the class of 2004 showed California is fifth in the nation with increase of 18 to 20 percent. Other states, such as New York, gained over a 20 percent.

River City High School's passing rate followed the state trend in some subjects and fell below the state average in others

R.C. students are performing well for the art and calculus AP exams, subjects in which the passage rate has risen for three consecutive years.

Approximately 57 percent of students taking calculus took the AP exam last year and 100 percent of them passes. Dave Wernsman, the AP calculus instructor, attributes the success to the class's strong mathematical background. "Last year's class did their homework everyday and was strong in algebra."

Subject	2003	2004	2005
Art	17%	11%	70%
Calculus	67%	83%	100%
English Literature	66%	67%	40%
European History	18%	35%	17%
Spanish	100%	86%	40%
US History	0%	20%	21%
US Government	27%	20%	22%

Joe Shumacher, the AP art instructor, has a different technique to help his students pass the AP exam. Shumacher said, "[Art is] an area that students enjoy, so they don't see it as doing more work." He added students are more likely to spend extra time on artwork.

AP art students also have teachers who do a great job at teaching the students the fundamentals of art, which gives them a solid foundation.

Despite the math and art department's high AP passing rate, R.C. as a whole is not up to par with the California passing rate, which is approximately 20 percent. River City is at approximately a three percentage AP exam passing rate.

Don Allen, the Advanced Placement Advisor, indicated there are several factors, however, that contribute to River City's elatively low passing rate.

"All students at R.C. who are taking AP U.S. History and AP European History courses are required to take the AP exam. In other schools, students only take [the AP exam] only if they feel confident enough to pass it. This is the major reason why River City's passing rates aren't as high as other schools."

Moreover, another factor contributing to the lower English and Spanish passing rate is a change in AP Spanish and English teachers. Staff who had been teaching the subjects for years retired. Now teachers who have never taught AP are working to prepare students for passing the AP exam.

Verónica Peña, the head of the foreign language department, believes other factors impacted the percentage of students who not pass the exam. "The students who failed last year took Spanish III during summer school. A full-year class taught in about four weeks is not going to teach students all of the things needed to succeed in the AP exam," stated Peña.

AP English also has a relatively new teacher, Susan Smith, who is working to secure updated AP materials and novels for the AP English courses. Smith said that teaching AP is a challenge for any new teacher and highlighted that more students than ever before are taking more rigorous courses such as AP English.

Allen added that a lack of proper materials for AP classes, such as a language lab in which students record themselves speak and are evaluated is also a cause for the amount of students not passing.

"We don't have all the materials needed for an AP Spanish class, so we make-up for that by doing extra work," said Ms. Peña.

AP classes prepare students for the rigorous courses of college. In addition, students who take these classes also receive an extra point on their GPA. If a student passes the AP exam, college credit for that particular course may be able to be attained in college.

AP courses benefit students whether they take the exam or not. Either way R.C. students who take AP courses are more prepared for college and more likely to graduate.

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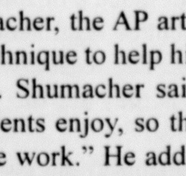

Auditions will be held at the Yolo High School Auditorium on Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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New R.C. teachers take task

As semester nears end, three key teachers hired

By Lizzy Lynch
News Editor

With the first semester coming to an end, three new teachers have joined River City High School's teaching staff to fill two key vacancies in the English department and one vacancy in the science department. These positions were being taught by either long-term substitutes or River City staff.

Kellie Cox took over tenth-grade college preparatory English class and two double-period English courses in mid October. Cox began working to assure students she was here to stay. These students had seven substitute teachers and alternating R.C. staff before Cox began teaching these classes.

Cox comes to River City after teaching drama at Sheldon High School for five years. "I always wanted to teach tenth-grade English," says Cox.

David Gray stepped in following Thanksgiving break to take over ninth-grade college preparatory English. Gray is also teaching two ninth-grade English Concepts/ Reading C classes, which are two period classes designed to help River City's lowest performing students.

Gray comes to River City after teaching in Warsaw, Poland, at the American School of Warsaw for the last four years. This is a private international school. Gray returned to the United States recently and stated he feels lucky to be joining River City. Gray replaces long-term substitute Mrs. Beach.

The science department has a new addition as well. Jason Maas-Baldwin joined River City's staff at the beginning of November and is teaching Earth Science and Biology.

After leading an outdoor science education program in Yosemite National Park for the past two years, Maas- Baldwin found his way to River City. "Many strange turns have brought me to River City, and I am excited to be here," stated Maas-Baldwin or as many of his students call him, Mr. M-A.

New leadership role at River City

R.C. welcomes Greg Himes as new interim principal

By Desirae Guevara
Staff Writer

Sitting in his chair, wearing a black tie with colorful drawings of students and writings that say "children first" he speaks quickly but confidently.

Donald Himes will be the new interim principal beginning January 10th at River City High School, taking Bonnie Broxton place as she returns to retirement. Mr. Himes is coming to River City with a good deal of experience.

This fantastic, warm-hearted gentleman also has participated in many community activities. He was a cub scoutmaster and a school board trustee.

Speaking from his heart, Mr. Himes says he plans to walk around the school meeting students and staff and be very visible. "If students have a concern or an issue, they can feel free to come and talk with me. I have an open door, and I am comfortable chatting with whomever," said Mr. Himes.

Himes indicated he would continue the work that is already in progress at River City, re-evaluate the discipline policy and focus on the students' academic growth. With all of the changes that have been going on at the high school Mr. Himes said he doesn't want change to interfere with student learning. He enjoys being on site with students and part of the administration. "I believe in public education. I feel that it is very important that citizens are as educated as possible. We have a great mechanism here in the U.S.," Mr. Himes states proudly.

When the new principal comes in next year, Himes wants that person to have a set-stage; he wants everything in order, stable and to run a smoothly as possible.

"I feel a little bit nervousness, like a new student, but I have been in many situations, so I will feel comfortable being back in a schools office. I have missed the population of students, so it is good to be back on a school site," stated Mr. Himes.

Mr. Himes has 35 years of education experience. He was a teacher for eleven years, before becoming a summer school principal for El Dorado High School, which led to over twenty-five years of combined experience as a high school assistant principal and a principal in the EL Dorado Foothills. The community is east of Sacramento. Himes also was Superintendent for Gold Oak Union District for two years before retiring.

Himes was only retired for six months and now he is able to join R.C..

Before beginning his job, this kind man was spotted talking, joking and laughing with students in the quad. Himes likes working in an atmosphere teens.

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News brief: prank update

By Desirae Guevara
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Last month R.C. could have been on an episode of the MTV television show, *High School Stories,* which tells of seniors and their high school pranks.

When students arrived to school on Nov. 14, they saw once bolted down lunch tables in the shape of 06 placed in the middle of the school quad. Immediately seniors were suspected.

Unfortunately, the guilty students did not know the school recorded all of their moves on video. After further investigation and questioning by interim principal Bonnie Broxton, three junior boys confessed to this prank. Their names are being withheld because they are minors.

The three junior boys are now participating in River City's beautification and clean up for two weeks as part as their punishment.

Sex facts, sex myths: test your knowledge

The number one, most effective, birth control method is abstinence; however, not all teenagers practice this method. The fact is some sexually active teenagers do not use any method of birth control at all. Typically teenagers believe they know everything about sex, and have strong opinions about raising children, sexually active teens seldom worry about getting pregnant or contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

Teenagers believe they have all the answers but where are they getting their information? Being ready to have sex for the first time is a big deal, it comes with a lot of responsibility. Some teenagers are responsible and can handle it, but some cannot.

As a high school student, everyday I hear teenagers talking about how they are in love or what they know about sex. How much can a 16 or 17 year old know? When I hear what teens are trying to say are facts about sex, I know they believe in myths and depend on these myths. Teens need to be told the facts.

These facts are found on www.pregnancy-info.net

The myth:	The fact:
1. Girls cannot get pregnant the first time they have sex or when they lose their virginity.	**1. False:** The chances are greater for a girl to get pregnant her first time because young girls are more fertile.
2. Girls cannot get pregnant if they are on their period.	**2. False:** Girls can get pregnant on their period. Sperm can survive up to a week and fertilize the egg during ovulation.
3. Most teenagers who become pregnant marry the father.	**3. False:** Few pregnant teens marry the child's father. In fact, 79 percent of teen births are born to unmarried teens.
4. Girls cannot get pregnant if the guy pulls out.	**4. False:** Girls can get pregnant if a guy pulls out.
5. If you really loved him or her, you would have sex with them.	**5. False:** If both of you are really in love, you can wait.
6. Girls never pressure guys to have sex.	**6. False:** Pressure can come from anyone; the gender doesn't matter.
7. By the age of 15 about 75 percent of boys and girls have had sex.	**7. False:** More than 50 percent of high school students report they are still virgins. Half of teenagers are virgins until they are 17. It was also found that 8 in 10 girls and 7 in 10 boys are inexperienced at age 15.

Abortion: teens take stand on hot topic

Pro-choice: it's her decision

Pro-choice is a belief. A belief in giving women of all ages the right to choose what is best for themselves. It is a belief that does not necessarily mean a person must agree with abortion but agrees that every female has the right to choose what is best for her own life.

Prior to the Rowe vs. Wade court decision, a woman did not have the right to choose whether abortion was the right choice.

If a woman decided to end her pregnancy, she had few options that were safe. Still there were always illegal abortions. These abortions were often performed in unsanitary conditions or by unqualified people and worse yet some women tried self-induced abortions, which could lead to health risks, including death.

Then in November 2005, teens nearly lost the right to choose in California again under Proposition 73. If passed, it would have prohibited any abortions for minors without their guardian's consent, except in a medical emergency.

Although California voters defeated the initiative, it was an effort to limit the rights of females. Measures like Proposition 73 should not be passed.

Additionally, President Bush's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. does not appear to support a woman's right to choose. "Though he has not publicly pronounced his views of Roe v. Wade, both sides seem to regard his record on abortion as clear enough to assume him a vote to overturn abortion rights," writes the Washington Post.

If confirmed by the US Senate, Alito could make it harder for women to obtain an abortion, which would be taking a step back.

These steps against abortion rights are an effort to make it harder for minors to receive an abortion as well as obtain their right to privacy.

Being pro-life is fine; wanting to save lives is fine. But each person has the right to his or her own beliefs. A woman should have the right to privately decide what is best for their life rather then have someone else dictate their beliefs on to society. Supporting pro-choice enables a woman to decide what is right for herself. What is right for their life, body and mind should be her choice.

River City sex survey

Are you sexually active?

	Yes	No
seniors	59%	41%
students (all grades)	37%	63%

What age is appropriate for sex?

age:	14-16	17-20	21+
seniors	24%	81%	24%
all grades	11%	59%	19%

Who/what influences your decisions regarding sex?

	parents	friends	media
seniors	14%	44%	42%
all grades	11%	40%	48%

Last month *The Review* surveyed 137 seniors and 166 students during lunch regarding their views concerning teen sex.

For more information:

If you have questions concerning abstience, safe sex, contraceptives, teen pregnancy, or need information about how to talk to your teen, contact:

Teen Clinic in West Sacramento:
(916) 375-6400
Days & Hours: Tuesday, 12:30 - 4 pm
Located at: 500-B Jefferson Blvd., Suite 180

Planned Parenthood in Sacramento:
(916) 446-6921
Days & Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 - 5 pm
Located at: 201 20th Street

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Pro-life: lives can be saved

It's on the news; it's on the television and it's the topic of numerous protests across America. Abortion has been the hotly debated topic for decades, but lately its been resurfacing.

The Roe vs. Wade court case sparked the tension between pro-life and pro-choice supporters. Roe was a pregnant single woman who challenged the Texas criminal abortion law. The law prohibited abortion except with medical advice or to save the mother's life.

The court eventually ruled in favor of Roe, calling the Texas law a violation of the fourteenth amendment, that a woman has a right to privacy when choosing abortion.

Today people who oppose abortion, also known as pro-life supporters, with the exception of extremist, are mostly unheard and unseen. Though the numbers are often vast, many people who oppose abortion, especially teens, do not speak their opinion. They fear their ideas will be persecuted.

According to a January 2005 Los Angeles Times poll, 41 percent of randomly selected adults favored making abortion illegal with a few exceptions. Another 12 percent favored making abortion totally illegal.

Pro-life supporters view abortion as wrong based on their religious and moral beliefs. The Church Assemblies of God takes the position that "abortion is…immoral and sinful."

Some feel that abortion is wrong because they do not believe that a fetus should die because the mother made a mistake.

Nineteen percent of legal abortions are preformed on teens. The reason why most teens have abortions is they are too young to care for a child.

Abortion opponents argue there are alternatives that should be exercised. Adoption is a popular alternative. It enables the mother to give up the baby to a loving, caring, stable family.

The majority of pro-life supporters are not extremists. They are people who oppose abortion asserting a human life is precious.

They work to change abortion laws believing there are viable options to abortion if the mother's life is not at risk. Pro-life supporters are not out to discriminate against people who have had abortions or are pro-choice supporters. They just want to save lives.

First Amendment: students lack support for free speech

By Jennifer Ben
Opinions Cartoonist

Adulthood. Independence. Freedom. After kids turn sixteen and pass their driver's test, the next milestone is turning eighteen-years-old. We anticipate this moment for years. Turning 18 means staying out late, gambling, voting and watching rated R movies.

With these benefits, comes responsibility. One responsibility often overlooked by teens and young adults is freedom of speech.

In the "Future of the First Amendment," a national survey, students were asked about the First Amendment, freedom of speech.

The survey questioned students and adults about whether people should be allowed to express unpopular opinions, if newspapers should be allowed to publish freely without government approval and if musicians should be allowed to sing offensive lyrics.

Surprisingly, 17 percent of teens surveyed indicated it is okay to suppress unpopular opinions while adults only favored limiting speech by five percent.

Only 51 percent of teens believe it is okay for newspapers to be allowed to publish without government approval while the figures for adults ranged from 70 to 80 percent.

Interestingly, teens favored uncensored song lyrics by 70 percent.

The results of the survey contrast the image of the teenager and young adult rebelling against the establishment. The First Amendment guarantees teens, young adults and America's citizens independence and freedom. Ironically, the thing teens crave the most they give away by not understanding Freedom of Speech. The First Amendment allows people to voice unpopular opinions, create expressive works (that are not vulgar for vulgarity's sake) and publish articles without government intervention.

R.C. fall movie reviews

Grading Rubric
A+: Excellent
A: Super-Duper
A-: Super
B+: Really Really Good
B: Really Good
B-: Good
C+: Really okay
C: Okay
C-: Less than okay
D+: Really all right
D: All right
D-: Sat through it
F: Walked out mad I paid for it

Movie: Aeon Flux
Given grade: **C-**
Rev: Carla Diaz
Summary: The movie *Aeon Flux* is based on the animated series released by MTV in the 1990's. It features Aeon (Charlize Theron), an assassin in the 25th century whose next mission is to kill Trevor Goodchild (Frances McDormand). Goodchild is a member of a government dictated society in Bregna, the last remaining city on Earth. When Aeon soon realizes that she is connected to Goodchild in a past life, she lets love interfere between her mission.

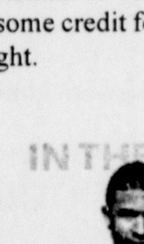
Why C-? *Aeon Flux* should have been left as an animated series. It doesn't have a strong enough plot or potential to be a movie, but it does deserve some credit for the action scenes and thought.

Movie: In the Mix
Grade Given: B-
Rev: Jaymi Appleberry

Summary: Jacqueline Zambrano's story titled *In The Mix* is a heart-warming tale about a young man named Darryl (R and B singer, Usher) who is hired as a bodyguard to protect his boss's daughter. He is given this job due to his courageous attempts to save lives. As time progresses, Darryl and Dolly (Emmanuelle Chriqui), Darryl's boss's daughter, develop a strong connection for each other and fall in love in the end.

Why B-? This movie is no different from any other love story, and the audience could predict the ending twenty minutes into the movie.

Movie: Walk the Line
Grade Given: A-
Rev: Laura McDaniel



Summary: *Walk the Line* is a biographical drama about the life and love of famous County and Rock 'N Roll singer Johnny Cash (Joaquin Phoenix). This movie chronicles Cash's life from a poor childhood to his marriage to second wife June Carter Cash (Reese Witherspoon).

Why A-? Sex, drugs and rock and roll, what rock star has not traveled down that road? If you are an action/adventure type of movie person, this movie is not for you. But if you want to see a movie with actors so convincing you feel like they really lived Cash's life, this is the movie for you.

Movie- Yours, Mine, and Ours
Grade Given: B-
Rev.- Karen Vilchis

Summary: *Mine, Yours and Ours* recounts how two high school sweethearts reconnect after twenty years. They realized that they still love each other. So they decide to marry. Dennis Quaid plays the husband and Rene Russo plays the wife as they try and join their two sets of kids from previous marriages.
Why B-?: This movie deserves a B-. I found this comedy really funny and entertaining.

Teen sex: one night, BIG problem

By Laura McDaniel
Features Editor

"I cannot get pregnant the first time I have sex." This is one of the most common myths about sex among teenagers. "The chance of getting pregnant the first time is the same as it is the 50th time," says Susan Yudt.

Yudt dispels some of the common myths about sex. For example, most teenage virgins think they have a 'free pass' the first time they have sex. Girls can get pregnant no matter how many times they have sex.

Despite parents and sex education teachers telling teens to abstain from sex, the fact is that teen sex is happening. According to the Allen Guttmacher Institute, nearly half of all teenagers in high school are having sex.

The most common way of informing teenagers about sex is through sex education classes in high school or middle school.

According to the international AIDS website AVERT.org, "sex education seeks both to reduce the risks of potentially negative outcomes from sexual behavior like unwanted pregnancies and infection with sexually transmitted diseases."

Sex education classes are usually taught to high school teens ages 16-17. The class typically covers four main topics: sexual development, reproduction, contraception, and relationships.

At River City High School, this class known as Family Life Education (FLE) is a one-semester course and iss taken during the student's freshmen year.

Even though these classes are offered in high schools and in some colleges, teens just are not in the know. According to The Review's awareness survey conducted by the Review of teen sex awareness, 55 percent of students surveyed at River City said that they think it is appropriate for teens 17-20 years old to be sexually active. Of River City students surveyed, 41 percent of seniors and 63 percent of the overall students body are sexually active.

Many teens just do not understand the cost of something that happens in the "heat of the moment." For those "heat of the moment" nights, the repercussions can be an unplanned pregnancy that could lead to an unplanned adulthood sexually transmitted diseases.

If a girl becomes pregnant in high school, it is not likely to have a happy ending. According to womensissues.com, only 41 percent of teen moms graduate high school, 80 percent of all teen mothers will end up on welfare after they leave high school.

According to the Review's sex awareness survey, 42 percent of River City teens get their information about sex from television and the media. 84 percent of River City students get their information from their friends.

With all of the warnings, information, and protection available now, some teens do not know about sex-until it's too late.

Seniors miss motivation

Seniors lack self-motivation during senior year

By Lucy Mendoza
Editor-in-Chief

It's late on a Friday night. River City seniors are out cruising around after leaving a house party. They're driving at high speeds down the South River Road. The cold wind is blowing in their hair as the joy riders stick their heads out the window to yell out to a neighboring car. As each second passes, the seniors are gaining speed without a care in the world, simply enjoying their last year of this institution called "school."

Screech! All of a sudden the tires squeal against the pavement, creating skid marks across the road. High school isn't quite over when senior year begins. There are still many things remaining that need to be done in order to be prepared for college by the time graduation rolls around like college applications, SATs and ACTs.

By their late junior year, students should already be taking the SATs or ACTs, and should continue taking them throughout their senior year to increase their scores. Seniors strive for the perfect combination of test scores and GPA in order to be accepted by the college of their choice.

In October, seniors should be filling out UC and CSU applications, and in late November applications are submitted.

In addition to this schedule, seniors also should continue taking rigorous courses to demonstrate to the admission officers that they are dedicated students.

Senior year isn't a time to just "kick-back." In reality, it is one of the most stressful years because of all the deadlines that need to be met.

Unfortunately many seniors approach the year with a senioritis attitude. After having endured years and years of STAR and CST testing, seniors look forward to being exempt from state testing in May.

Senior Jessica Martinez said, "Oh my gosh, I am so glad that we don't have to spend a thousand hours testing anymore." Seniors feel they deserve some R and R, so they sometimes decide to 'take a day off.'

"When I realize that I need to catch up on some sleep, I'll take a day off," commented senior Jennifer Corrales.

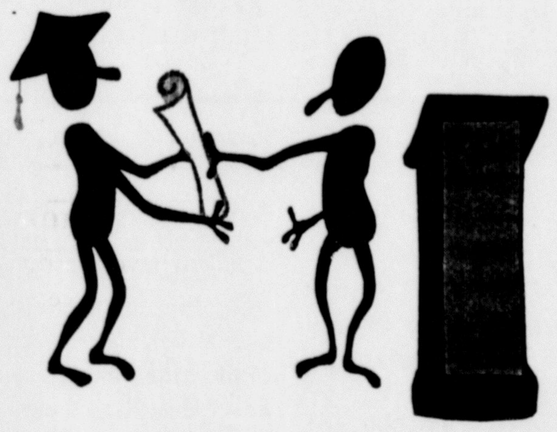
If playing hooky for a day isn't enough of an escape from school and tests, some seniors put off taking the SATs and ACTs until one of the last sessions that are offered, creating more stress their senior year.

Senior Amanda Edd stated, "Instead of taking SATs or ACTs, I use my Saturdays to sleep."

Searching for a college is very time-consuming task. Students who decide to choose this path are a bit more productive on their days off.

"Not enough time is given in school to do college research. So on Saturdays when I'm not taking the ACTs or SATs, I sleep in and then spend a good portion of my day doing college research," said senior Vu Tran.

Despite how many days students play hooky or how many times they blow off SATs or ACTs, for some high school students there's simply not enough freedom from school-related stress. As a result of this desired time off, the condition known as *senioritis* becomes a senior's only resort to a stress-free senior year.



According to http://en.wikipedia.org, "*senioritis* is a syndrome attributed to students nearing the end of high school and college. Its symptoms include laziness, procrastination, apathy toward school work and truancy." Although it could lessen the load on seniors during their final year of high school, students who have found senioritis as their only remedy to stress have to pay a sometimes-unknown price.

Seniors who are affected by senioritis suffer often pay unintended consequinces. They want to maintain a lightened load throughout the school year, senioritis students fail to take challenging courses that are meant to prepare them as college freshmen.

According to Chris Tyler, those students pay the price once in college as freshmen. "When students who have not taken these demanding classes get to any college, whether it is vocational, post-secondary or a four-year, they will find that they are not prepared for the work and will have to take remedial classes," commented Tyler, River City's head counselor.

Fall fashion for you

Create your own trend

By Carla Diaz
Staff writer

Season after season, new fashion trends sweep teens off their feet all around the country. Whether teens follow the trends or not, it effects what they wear.

Designers and celebrities are usually to blame for new trends, as teens look up to how they look and dress.

According to Hispanic Magazine, the fashion key for the fall/winter season includes a touch of mystery and confidence. Yet, confidence is not obtained by copying another person's sense of style. Teens gain confidence by having their own style and not doing what everyone else is doing.

Just because everyone else is wearing the most trendy outfit, does not necessarily mean it looks right. Think back to the 1980s' when the big hair was in, and it was normal to use a can of hairspray.

Back then people thought it looked good so everyone wore big hair. Some wish that they wouldn't have followed the trend.

On a different note; During the fall and winter "the pastels and colors of spring and summer are gone, and now the hues are basic: black, khaki, white and cream," according to Sacramento Bee. When the seasons change the colors and textures tend to change. Trends that have occurred in the past are likely to happen in the future. Since winter is here, coats and jackets are to be seen everywhere. To keep your own look and avoid being like everyone else this winter continue to wear colors besides neutrals. You just might want to soften them up a little bit.

Most people tend to be followers of trends and don't think of what they like. If you want to be unique, set your own trends, be a trendsetter. Make a statement; Bring something back from the past and mix it with the present to create. What you think will be good for the future. Be ahead of the game.

Fashion is art and something that you can play with, but is not something to be taken too seriously.

Fashion expresses who you are and your personality. Do not let other people determine what you should wear.

If you like the new trends and fads, "go for it." If it is "you," then wear it.

Just because everyone else is buying it and wearing it, does not mean you have to or that it is going to look good on you.

Girls' volleyball ends a soaring season

By Andrea Kaine
Sports & Activities editor

Rejoicing was the only sound throughout River City High School hallways on Nov. 3.

'We made it!' declared members of the RCHS girls' varsity volleyball team when they found out the team made the playoffs for the first time in over two decades.

"Two big things that allowed the team to make it to playoffs this season were they had the experience playing together and finally found the confidence to do it," stated coach Ardella Koester.

The team was ecstatic to learn that they had overcome losing year after year. "I was so excited that I couldn't breathe," exclaimed senior Brittney Johnson.

There was little time to prepare for the playoffs. The team only had one practice before the game on Mon., Nov. 7, giving the girls a disadvantage. The players knew they had to work hard and they were determined. R.C. was up against Union Mine, the number one ranked team in the Sac-Joaquin section for Division III schools.

The girls went into the game focused and thinking about how much they had accomplished this past season.

"I was thinking it was just another game, but it was a game that each of us had to step up and work harder individually," stated Ally West.

The team included seniors: captain Ally West, captain Sarah Liden, Lizzie Harris, Brittney Johnson and Johnna Sulpizio.

Juniors: captain Chelsea Adams, Lauren Yeargin, Allison Ruvalcaba and Joanna Lopez.

The lady Raiders maintained focus throughout the game. They gave it their all diving for the ball, but the R.C. team could not stop their opponent. Although the girls did not win the playoff game with a 0-3 score, they ended with confidence and their heads held high; happy to have made the playoffs.

Varsity volleyball from left to right: Brittney Johnson, Ally West, Joanna Lopez, Chelsea Adams, Sarah Liden, Allison Ruvalcaba, Lauren Yeargin, Lizzie Harris and Johnna Sulpizio.

"The best part of the game was when the crowd stood up and gave us a standing ovation after we lost," exclaimed Ally West.

Varsity volleyball ended with a league record of 6-6 and an overall record of 10-7. The girls had a phenomenal season making it to playoffs.

Coach Koester reflected, "It was a wonderful season. They're awesome and I'm proud of them."

The J.V. girls' volleyball team finalized their season with 5-11 record.

Coaches' Corner

Final fall RC sports stats

The final season records for River City's fall sporting events are as follows:

Football -
Varsity: 4 wins; 6 losses
J.V.: 8 wins; 2 losses
Soccer -
Varsity: 12 wins; 9 losses; 1 tie
J.V.: 9 wins; 5 losses; 1 tie
Volleyball -
Varsity: 10 wins; 7 losses
J.V.: 5 wins; 11 losses

Fall RC sports awards

The following athletes were recognized for the 2005 fall season:

Football -
Varsity all-league: Shaker Khan, Mailous Moore and Russell Nelson
J.V. MVP: Gregory Turner
Coach's award: Robert Nunez
Soccer -
Varsity all-league: Cory Lang, Orlando Camacho and Eduardo Quintero.
MVP: Orlando Camacho
Most improved: Rodney Tilson
Honorable mention: Matthew Johnson and Rodney Tilson.
J.V. MVP: Elmer Hernandez and Martin Gonzalez.
Most improved: Zahid Fareed
Volleyball -
Varsity all-league: Ally West and Sarah Liden.
Honorable mention: Sarah Liden

Director delivers a dazzling performance

Student directs *The Inner Willy*

By Trini Enriquez with contributions by Jaymi Appleberry & Jacqueline Hooks
Staff writers

Have you ever been in a situation where you cannot make a decision for yourself? Where people are always deciding what you will be doing? Where you're going? Who you'll be going with as well as what time they're going to be picking you up?

This timeless teenage issue was the theme of River City drama department's last production, *The Inner Willy.*

Last month the River City drama department produced, directed and performed *The Inner Willy*. The play was written in 1946 by Betty Knapp and set in the Adams sister's home during 1950.

Preparing a play for production takes a lot of time out of a student's schedule. It is a huge commitment. This was especially true for senior Kristin Swails who directed *The Inner Willy*.

As student director, Swails was given the reasonability to meet the audience's expectations, all the demands of producing a play and get the actors to cooperate with her even though she is a student.

"The hardest thing to do as student director is have the actors' memorize lines and be the character. It's hard, but I'm proud that everything came out okay," says Kristin Swails.

The cast of *The Inner Willy* included Ceanne Brunton, Davina Carlander, Stephanie DeAnda, Maureen Furey, Samantha Gutierrez, Laura McBride, Garrett Morrice, Anmarie Reyes, Rosa Rodriguez, Danny Salas and Shaun Tapia.

Local concerts for all

Holiday events

Winter Wonderland
Fairytale Town
When: December 17
Times: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ice skating
St. Rose of Lima Park
7th & K Street, Sacramento
When: now through January 16, 2006
Time: noon to 8:00 p.m. daily
Cost- $6.00 per skater plus skate rental

Plays and Musicals

A Christmas Carol
Sacramento Theatre Company
1419 H Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814
When: December 17-24, 2005
Cost: $16 to $38

The Nutcracker
Sacramento Ballet
1631 K Street, Sacramento, CA
When- December 17-24th, 2005
Cost- $20 to $50 adults, $10 Children

New year's eve events

New Year's Eve Ball Concert
Featuring: Still Life Projector, Shortie, 5 Minute Ride & Self Against City.
At The Boardwalk
9426 Greenback Lane, Orangevale
When: Saturday, December 31
Cost: $15 dollars (in advance)
*All concerts at the Boardwalk start at 8:30 P.M. Doors open at 7:30 P.M.
For more information, visit www.boardwalkrocks.com or call 988-9247.

New Year's Eve Celebration
On the waterfront of Old Sacramento
Times: 6:00 p.m. to midnight
Fireworks: 9:20 p.m. & 11:50 p.m.
Cost: FREE admission *food and beverage available with purchase

RC staff and students recognized

By Joti Bandhu
Staff writer

The Yolo County Concilio recognized River City High School staff and students in Woodland on Oct. 15 at its annual awards dinner.

Elizabeth Gutierrez and Estella Delatorre, River City Career Center staff, received the Educator of the Year award. This award is given to people who have best excelled in supporting students in Yolo County schools.

The Concilio also recognized two exceptional students, seniors Alberto Rodriguez and Lucy Mendoza. They were each awarded $500 scholarships for the college of their choice.

Ron Pina nominated Gutierrez and Delatorre for Educator of the Year because of all the work they do to support Latino students at River City. When teachers need to speak to parents, these women provide translations.

They assist with M.E.Ch.A., an organization that promotes social, cultural, educational empowerment and help students prepare for their future education and careers.

Mr. Pina commented that, "Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Delatorre are a very important part of the community because they both attended River City High School and were very active in the multicultural club. Since they are both bilingual Spanish speakers, they can fluently communicate with students and parents."

Gutierrez stated, "It's great working with students." She and Delatorre enjoy helping set high academic and attendance standards for students in the M.E.Ch.A. club. This has helped students achieve higher grades and learn more at school.

Delatorre said, "I was very proud receiving this award because it was from the Latino community."

Raiders rebound their reputation on court

By Jacqueline Hooks
Staff writer

With an easy win against San Juan, the River City girls' basketball program started the season off with a 6-2 record.

The team has improved significantly in the past couple years. Part of the reason for this drastic progress is the stability in coaching.

Varsity coach Jamie King took over the lady Raiders in 2004 and is co-athletic director. Junior varsity coach Shawn King has been with the team since 2004 as well.

These brothers have been consistent, reliable coaches. "The team has not had this kind of consistency for a long time," stated Jaymi Appleberry.

When the new coaches came, nobody expected them to be permanent. "We had coaches leave and come back every year," said senior Ally West, who has been through it all.

From 2002 to 2004 there were five different coaches. Although the coaches came and left, the girls stayed because they love the game.

There are many things that have led to the change in the River City girls' basketball program since the arrival of the King duo. Coming into the program, each player is notified that basketball is one of the most competitive sports.

After team members spend three months conditioning, the Raiders are ready to prove themselves on the court and rebuild their reputation. They have expectations of making playoffs this year.

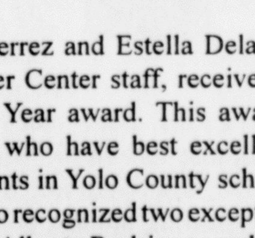
Assistant coach Dennis brings stability on & off the court

By Tasha Forks
Associate editor

A good assistant coach will bring stability to any program. Assistant coaches help do this in practice and in games. They do the little things that can mean the difference between a successful season or one that falls short of the playoffs.

Boys' varsity basketball assistant coach Paul Dennis is an assistant who fits this description. While some coaches have aspirations to be head coach, Dennis is happy being involved in a sport that he loves and is able to make a contribution to the lives of high school athletes. Coach Dennis answered a few questions for *The Review*.

Q: How is the basketball team doing so far?
A: The effort has been good, and the boys have great attitudes, so everything is going great.
Q: What are your expectations for the team this year?
A: I expect them to hustle, to work hard and to make it to the playoffs.
Q: What's going to be your motivation for the season?
A: The playoffs.
Q: What's your coaching strategy?



A: In terms of strategy, it's all about man-to-man defense. Of course you can switch it up with different defenses like 2-3 or a 3-2 every now and again. (2-3 defense is when two people guard up top and the other three guard the back and vise-versa.)
Q: Your team almost made it to the playoffs last year; what happened?
A: Well, it's really hard making it to the playoffs. I was disappointed when we didn't make it, but this year it's going to be even harder because there are not a lot of tall players. If we limit our turnovers and emphasize our quickness, the team has the potential to make it to the playoffs.
Q: How do you feel being an assistant Coach?
A: I don't mind being an assistant coach; I'm just happy to be a part of the team.
Q: What do you want the boys to learn from you besides basketball?
A: I want them to learn to take care of themselves, learn how to take responsibility for one another, how to play as a team and hopefully to become good fathers.
Q: How do you want to be remembered?
A: I want to be remembered as someone who cares. The best relationship you could have with a player is being able to be there for him. I also want my players to be remembered as a team that stays together, that supports one another and never gives up.
Q: What's more important "talent" or "preparation"?
A: Preparation! Because it is a life skill that Coach West and I are teaching.
Q: After you finish your career as a coach, what do you expect to look back on?
A: The relationships I had with the players.
Q: Anything you want to add?
A: I'm really excited about working with this group of boys. Their attitudes are in the right place. It's going to be tough because we're a young group, but anything that is worthwhile doesn't come easy.

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Selected Varieties. 4 Pack/8 oz. Cans
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Selected Varieties. 1 Liter Bottle
Stop Sign Savings.... 50¢
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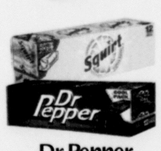

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2.79

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2.39

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Selected Varieties. 32 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 2.30
6.49

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Selected Varieties. 12 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings... 1.20
2.99

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Selected Varieties. 14-16 oz. Package
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Selected Varieties. 8 oz. Package
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Recieve a $25 Gift Card with the purchase of a Kitchen Aid mixer.

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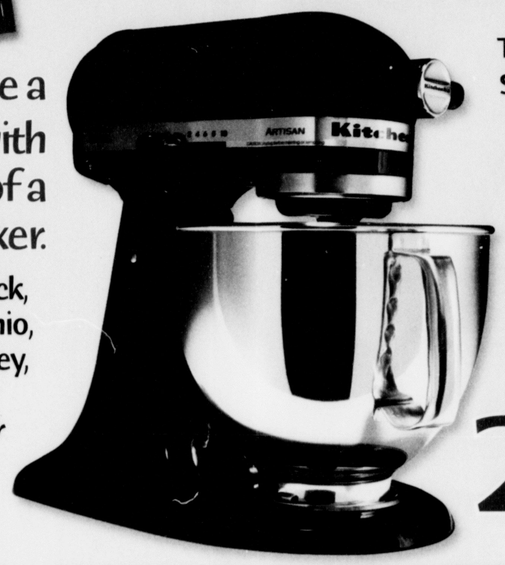

This top quality Artisan Series Mixer includes a 325 watt motor, 10 speed control, tilt head and a 5 quart stainless steel bowl! It also includes a 2 piece pouring shield, flat beater dough hook and wire whip.

269.99 ea.

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40 oz. Box
Stop Sign Savings...1.30
1.69

General Mills Triple Cereal Variety Pack
37.75 oz. Package
Stop Sign Savings...2.30
4.99

Nestle Chocolate Morsels
Selected Varieties. 11-12 oz. Bag
Stop Sign Savings... 1.00
1.79

C&H Granulated Sugar
5 Lb. Bag
Stop Sign Savings...1.04
1.75

Better Than BOGO
Kraft Jet•Puffed Marshmallow Creme
7 oz. Jar
Stop Sign Savings...1.11
88¢

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Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce
Whole or Jellied. 16 oz. Can
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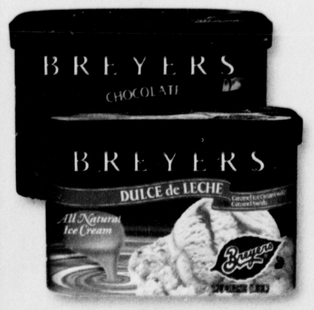
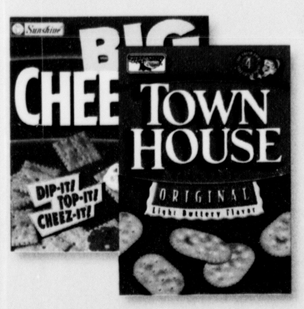


Breyers Ice Cream
Selected Varieties. 56 oz. Carton
Save 10.97 on 3
3 for $7



Sunshine Big Cheez It or Keebler Town House Crackers
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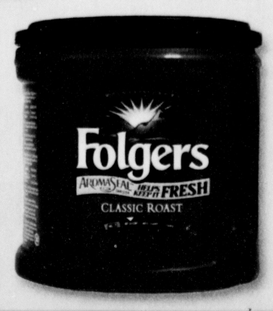

Folgers Ground Coffee
Selected Varieties. 34.5 oz. Can
Stop Sign Savings...2.99
4.99

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Selected Varieties. 750 ml. Bottle
Stop Sign Savings... 4.00
6.99

Korbel Sparkling Wines
Selected Varieties. 750 ml. Bottle
Stop Sign Savings...3.00
8.99

Corona Beer
Extra or Light. 12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles
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10.99 +crv

Bass Ale
12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles
Stop Sign Savings.... 4.00
10.99 +crv

Budweiser Beer
Selected Varieties. 12 Pack/12 oz. Bottles
Stop Sign Savings... 3.50
6.99 +crv

Kahlua Coffee Liqueur
750 ml. Bottle
Stop Sign Savings...7.00
10.99

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2 for $4

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Save up to: 40% off

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Single Count
Stop Sign Savings... 2.00
4.99

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1.19

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1.39

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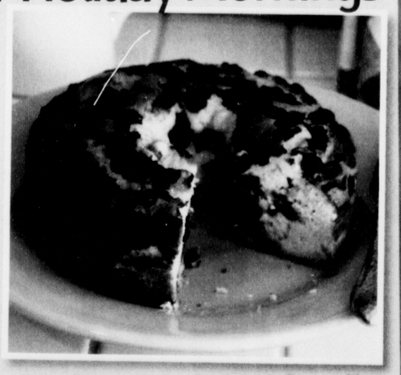

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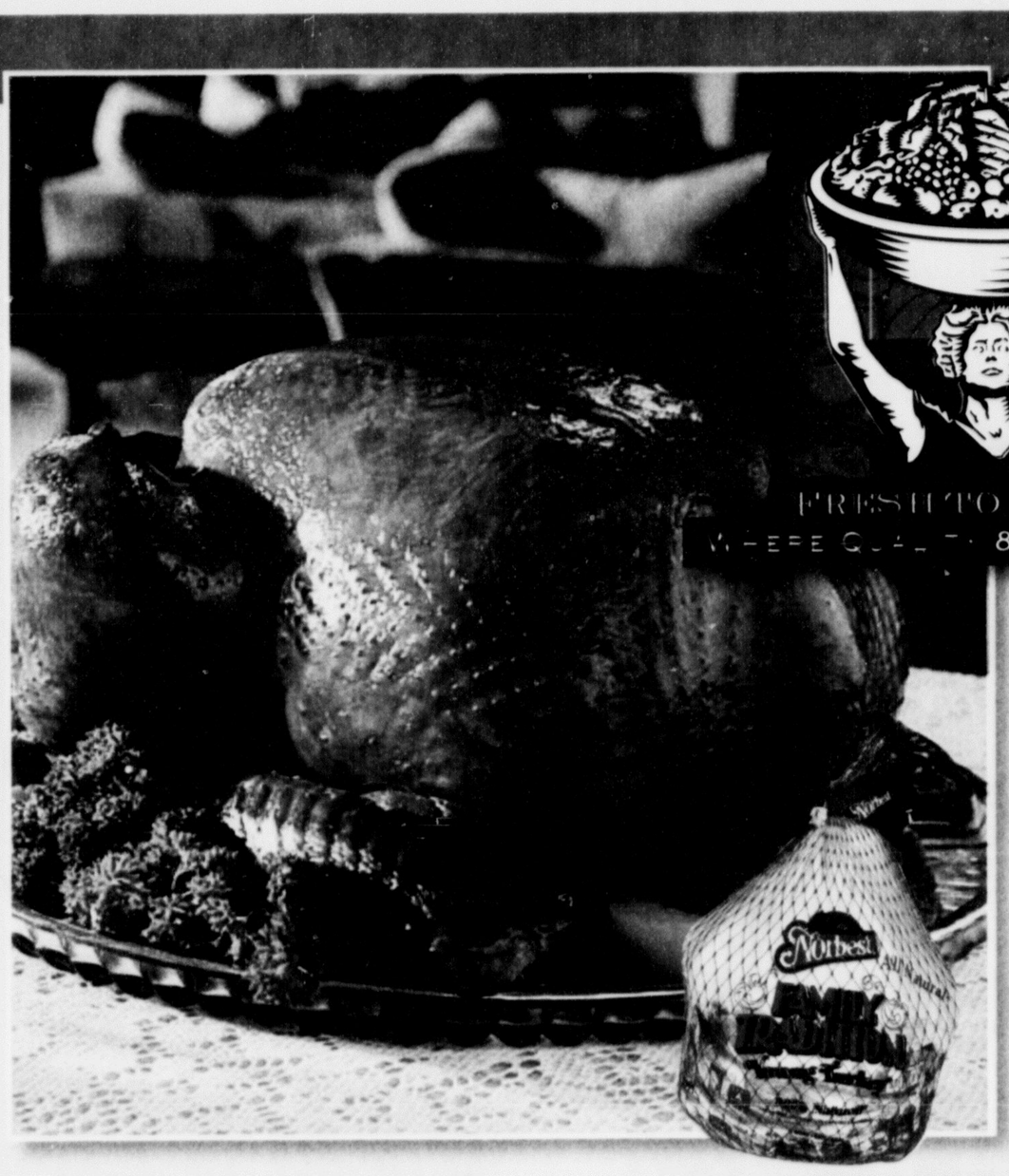

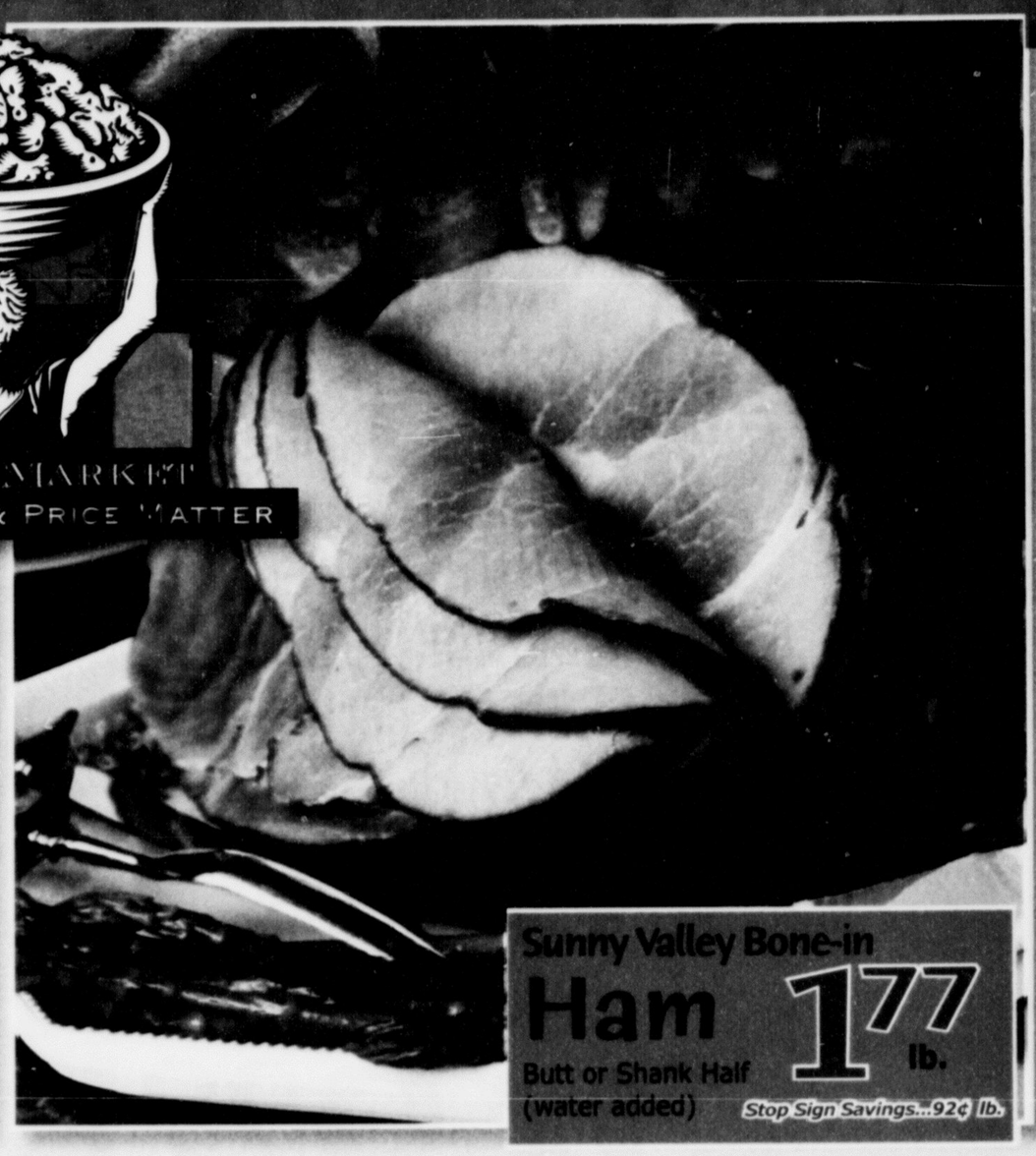

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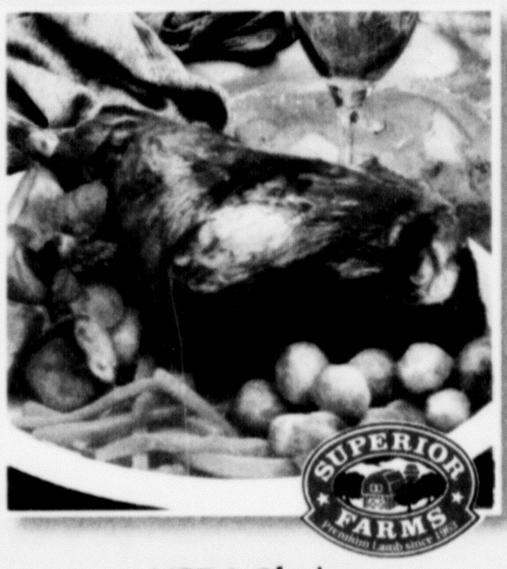
Ham 1.77 lb.
Butt or Shank Half (water added)
Stop Sign Savings...92¢ lb.

Norbest 100% All Natural
Family Tradition Young Turkey
Minimally processed, no artificial ingredients. 12-24 lbs.
1.17 lb.
Stop Sign Savings...70¢ lb.

Hillshire Farm
Spiral Sliced Bone-in Ham
Brown Sugar or Honey.
1.97 lb.
Stop Sign Savings...1.62 lb.



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Superior Farms Leg of Lamb
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3.99 lb.

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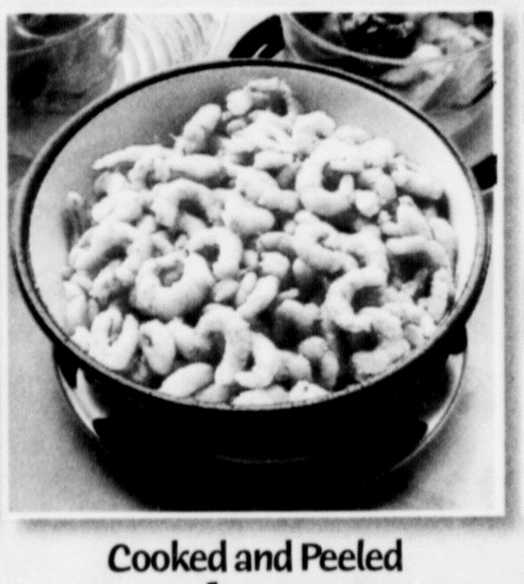

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Ready to Eat Shrimp Meat
250-300 Count. Previously frozen.
Stop Sign Savings...1.30 lb.
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Cooked Prawns
41-50 Count. Previously frozen.
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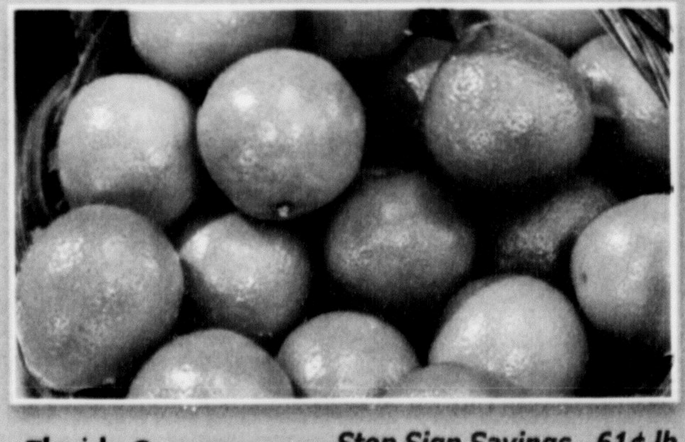
Granny Smith Apples
Stop Sign Savings...51¢ lb.
98¢ lb.



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Sunburst Tangerines
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98¢ lb.

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Crisp Cucumbers
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78¢ ea.

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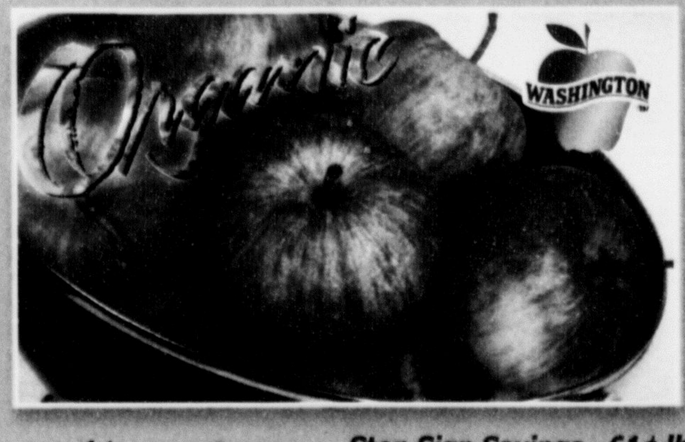
Large Ripe Papayas
Stop Sign Savings...1.11 ea.
2.88 ea.



Washington Grown
Organic Fuji Apples
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1.38 lb.

Fresh Express
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Your choice of Riviera, Field Greens or Veggie Lover's.
Save 1.58 on 2
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